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## To shop

Pop helium balloons filled with coupons for up to 50 percent off from 6-10 p.m. Friday at shoe boutique A Pied (2037 W. Roscoe St.). The anniversary party also includes complimentary snacks, champagne, French martinis and live music.



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## To party

Explore interactive and performance art Friday from 9 p.m.-4 a.m. as Sound Bar (226 W. Ontario St.) turns into an underground art gallery.

## To croon

Let loose during a free outdoor screening of the sing-along version of "Mamma Mia!" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Hollywood Beach (5800 N. Lake Shore Drive).

## To advocate

Party on the rooftop garden and support the Center on Halsted (3656 N. Halsted St.) as the LGBT center hosts a Pride celebration from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$15 and available at [centeronhalsted.org](http://centeronhalsted.org).



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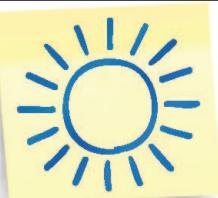
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# Worst week?

Ah, to be a newsmaker. Sometimes things go your way, and sometimes, well, they don't. Here's a look back on a few of the week's big talkers. RedEye broke them down into categories to determine who had the worst week.

## POLITICAL SMACKDOWN

### Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich vs. S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford

**BLAGOJEVICH:** First, his wife, Patti, was booted from "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"



**SANFORD:** The case of the missing governor came to a close Wednesday when Sanford admitted he'd secretly flown to Argentina to visit a woman with whom he'd been having an affair—and not hiking the Appalachian Trail, as his aides had said.

Then a judge scheduled a start date for his federal corruption trial for June 3, 2010.

## LITIGATION NATION

### Superdawg suit vs. car dealer Bob Rohrman's suit

**SUPERDAWG:** The Northwest Side hot dog seller this week sued a New York City shop called Superdog, claiming trademark infringement.



**ROHRMAN:** The Chicagoland auto dealer known for his TV ads is suing a plastic surgeon for stealing the romantic interest of his nowestranged wife.

## PAIN IN THE COMMUTE

### Parkers vs. public transit patrons

**PARKERS:** A study released Tuesday by the Active Transportation Alliance says the 75-year parking meter privatization deal that took effect in February will hamstring efforts by the city to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and pollution, and make streets safer for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and mass-transit riders. Ouch!



## PUBLIC TRANSIT:

The amount of public funding that Chicago-area transit agencies can expect to receive this year was slashed by \$67 million Thursday at a meeting of the Regional Transit Authority.

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You decide

So who do you think had it the worst this week? Text the word "bad" and the number corresponding to your choice to **87708**. You also can tweet us with the hashtag **#redeyetalk** at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](http://twitter.com/redeyechicago) or leave us a comment on [redeyechicago.com/blog](http://redeyechicago.com/blog).

1. Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich
2. S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford
3. Superdawg

4. Bob Rohrman
5. Parkers
6. Public transit patrons



# O, what men dare do!

In London, the subway announcements come from—errr—Shakespeare?

**Associated Press**

**LONDON** The next train is for Heathrow Airport, via Covent Garden, Piccadilly Circus—and spiritual enlightenment.

London commuters are being offered the words of great thinkers including Shakespeare, Gandhi and Einstein to enliven their sometimes dull journeys on the city's Tube.

Subway drivers have been given a book of profound sayings, which they are being encouraged to dispense over the intercom, subway operator Transport for London said Thursday.

The project is the idea of artist Jeremy Deller, who said he was motivated by annoyance at the recorded announcements that bombard Tube passengers, such as "Mind the gap" and "Stand clear of the closing doors."

His original idea—a day with no announcements—was rejected by Tube bosses, "so I came up with the idea to give staff a collection of quotes and the idea grew from there."

"I often wish announcements were more personal

## Is whispering nothing?

Drivers who agreed to take part were given tips on delivery by stand-up comedian Arthur Smith. The philosophy is being dispensed on the Piccadilly Line, which carries more than 650,000 passengers a day.

and reflected the realities and absurdities of living and working in a big city," Deller said. "I think the traveling public enjoys some humor and unexpected insight during their journey."

The sayings include proverbs from around the world—including Swedish maxim "The afternoon knows what the morning never expected"—and phrases by the likes of W.B. Yeats and Victor Hugo.

But some of the sayings may soothe frustrated riders, like Mahatma Gandhi's "There is more to life than increasing at speed." However, Piccadilly Line passengers on Thursday welcomed the change.

"I don't know that anyone pays attention to what the drivers are saying in the first place. But maybe they will now," said James Finnegan, a 25-year-old trainer.



## TWITTER SIDE

### What about the 'L'?

Shakespeare makes sense in London, but what about in Chicago? We asked for some announcements suitable for the "L." Here are some responses. Hop on RedEye's social media express at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](http://twitter.com/redeyechicago) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/redeyechicago](http://facebook.com/redeyechicago). COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

## WE SAID

**@scottkleinberg** Does anybody really know what time it is? Does anybody really care? - Chicago.

## YOU SAID

**@wildbill77** Another one rides the bus by weird AI. And another gets on HEY he's gonna sit by you. Another one rides the bus!

**@kent\_green** "You should be honored by my lateness." — Kanye

**@rosevixen** rod blagojevich of course.

"this train ride is \*bleeping\* golden!" i think the tourists would like it.

**@SmallWaldo** Quote the Beatles. "We all live in a yellow submarine, yellow submarine, a yellow submarine..."

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# Robots: Jar Jar 'in car form'?

Please tell me Michael Bay didn't commit a Jar Jar Binks-esque bungle.

There's bad buzz around "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," which opened Wednesday, and it has nothing to do with valuing pyrotechnics over plot.

Some are calling out robots Skids and Mudflap as racial caricatures.

One has a gold tooth, they speak "jive" and neither can read, according to the AP, which rounded up reaction, including an AP movie writer's observation they are Jar Jar "in car form."

That's bad news for Bay, considering the considerable controversy caused by that much-maligned "Star Wars" character, seen by some as a mockery of black Caribbean culture.

On the other hand, you can't definitively prove the cars come from a place of prejudice.

Skids and Mudflap are made of metal and lack a discernible skin shade.

Some may even wonder why slang-spitting, illiterate robots would be perceived as black.

Bay has denied any racial undertones and told AP of the Skids and Mudflap flap: "You're going to have your naysayers on anything."

I'll reserve judgment until I see these, um, bro-bots in action.

After all, animated characters have played host to serious stereotypes in the past. I've got no beef with equal opportunity-offenders including "Family Guy" and "Boondocks," but these drawings are no laughing matter:

#### Speedy Gonzales

This gibberish-shouting, fast-moving bandit is controversial, but not universally panned, as evidenced by his resurgence in a Volkswagen ad a few years back. But he should stay on the shelf. Mel Blanc, who also played Bugs Bunny, lent this character an overly accented delivery that was about as subtle as Speedy's super-size sombrero.

#### Maid from 'Tom & Jerry'

Love the devious mouse and cat team, but there is a "T&J" character I can't bear to watch. Correction, I can't bear to watch her legs. They were dark brown, fat, and stuffed into ill-fitting stockings, in a steep, stereotypical contrast to a white counterpart who sashayed around with shapely gams. The black character, if she can be called that, also constantly addressed the titular cat with the brassy, bawl "Thommmmmas," while her more prettily painted peer always used an inside voice.

#### Siamese Cats from 'Lady and the Tramp'

The supremely slant-eyed and bucktoothed twin cats from "Lady and the Tramp" are a slap to all things so-called Siamese. Their mockingly mangled English included the lyric "where we finding baby, there are milk nearby."

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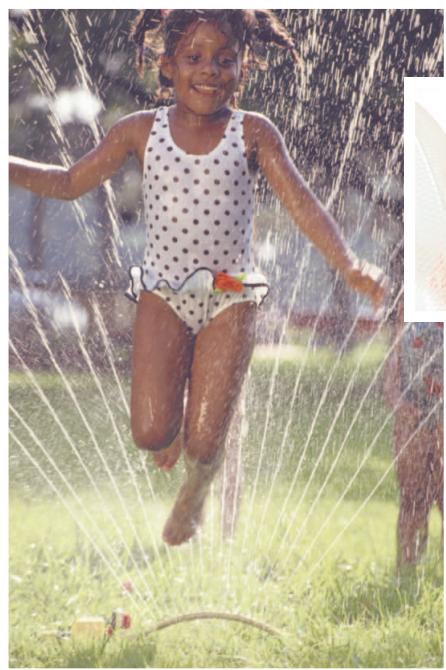
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# chicago



Security at Taste of Chicago will be enhanced this year, including increasing police presence. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

# Taste of security

## Police: Food festival safety plan features more officers

### Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Thursday announced security plans for Taste of Chicago, one year after violence marred the event and the city's 4th of July festivities.

Police were out in greater force at the Taste last year after four people were shot, one fatally, in the Loop following the city's fireworks display.

Police Supt. Jody Weis said at the time that the shootings were about a mile from the festival grounds, and that people should not be discouraged from attending the popular summer event.

Two of the shootings occurred about 10:40 p.m., roughly a block apart, officials said.

On Thursday, Weis would not say how many

officers would be staffing the event.

"Folks will feel very safe because they're going to see a police officer on almost every block, and in some instances 20 feet, so we're going to have a very hard presence in terms of letting people know we have a lot of officers in place," Weis said.

Officials said they learned lessons from the heightened security downtown during President Obama's Election Night celebration, and they will apply those to the Taste.

"We have made a number of security enhancements based in part on our experience with crowd control" that night, Weis said.

The festival will be fenced in with only four designated access points, much like the security for the Blues Fest earlier this month.

The Office of Emergency Management and Communications will have an emergency operations center open during the festival.

The public is urged to call 911 to report any criminal or suspicious activity.

### STAYING SAFE

Security steps for the Taste, which begins Friday, will include:

- » Police will staff the four designated access points to the festival, and illegal items will be confiscated and unruly attendees will be turned away.
- » A security emphasis at CTA and Metra stations and Pace bus stops.
- » An increase in uniformed and plainclothes officers.
- » Police will be monitoring security cameras near the festival and citywide.

### MUCH MORE ONLINE

For everything you need to know about the Taste, including food, entertainment, hours and tickets, go to [tr.im/tasteofchicago](http://tr.im/tasteofchicago)

# CTA cuts looming

### Chicago Tribune

The amount of public funding that Chicago-area transit agencies can expect to receive this year was slashed by \$67 million Thursday.

The move by the Regional Transportation Authority board, in a 9-0 vote, was expected in order to bring transit budgets in line with declining tax revenue.

It means that the CTA and Pace will almost certainly be forced to reduce service or make other cuts in order to close a worsening funding gap brought on by the recession.

The CTA will need to reduce spending by \$35 million for the rest of the year; Metra, \$19 million; and Pace, \$7 million. In addition, a \$6 million cut was ordered for Pace's paratransit program serving people with disabilities.

CTA President Richard Rodriguez has already indicated that service cuts are coming, but as recently as Wednesday he said a specific plan could not be offered until the RTA board acted and the CTA received a full briefing on the financial outlook from the RTA.

But RTA Executive Director Steve Schlickman said Thursday that Rodriguez has all the information he needs to adjust service levels and balance its budget.

"He had all the information weeks ago," Schlickman said.

The bad news about shrinking transit funding did not end there. The RTA board was told by its staff that it is necessary to shift \$25 million in 2010 capital-improvement funds to Pace's paratransit budget to keep transportation services for disabled riders going past October, when the program would run out of money.

But the RTA board, deeply split over the diversion of scarce capital funds for other uses, punted on the issue, deferring a decision until next month.

Officials at the CTA and Metra are at odds over being asked to suffer the bulk of the \$25 million diversion for paratransit.

Under the current structure, 58 percent of the \$25 million diversion would come from the CTA, 34 percent from Metra and 8 percent from Pace.

The postponement was requested by RTA board member Michael Rosenberg, who was appointed by Mayor Daley to advocate on behalf of the CTA.



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Mourners from St. Sabina Catholic Church pray Thursday in front of the home where Chastity Turner, 9, was shot to death Wednesday night. Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis said officials are pursuing "some very, very good leads." JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

# Who would do this?

## 9-year-old girl slain in Englewood; father refuses to cooperate with police

### Chicago Tribune

Tawanda Sterling was sitting on the bottom step of the porch Wednesday, watching her boyfriend and his 9-year-old daughter wash down two dogs in the evening heat, when a van slowed down.

A door opened and the shooting began.

Her boyfriend Andre Turner turned and picked up a 2-year-old girl and rushed her to the porch. His daughter Chastity ran down the driveway toward the laundry room, a cousin running behind to shield her.

But Chastity didn't make it. She collapsed on the back steps near the entrance. Turner and two of his friends also were wounded.

As the van sped off, Sterling said she and a friend picked up Chastity and held her. They moved her onto the driveway and poured water on her to revive her and tried CPR.

"Every time she gasped for air, her neck

would swell," Sterling said.

She said Chastity was shot above her shoulder blade close to her neck. Doctors told her the bullet traveled to her neck and lodged in her lungs. She died at the hospital.

On Thursday morning, Sterling cried as she looked down at the blood-splattered sidewalk. A makeshift memorial on the porch included a pink pig, a bear and an angel.

The evening had begun like many others, she said, with the family gathered around the two-flat's porch where they often played games and just hung out. Then Sterling spotted the light green van.

"The van just pulled up by the garbage cans and started shooting," she said. "They drove up just a little bit more and started shooting again."

A neighbor, Tasha Golston, 30, said she was walking from the corner store at 75th



Chastity Turner

### SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

Andre Turner is refusing to cooperate as police question two suspects in the shooting, police sources say.

Police Supt. Jody Weis said the shooting was gang-related, and he credited the neighborhood for helping investigators.

"We're interviewing a lot of people right now. We've got some very, very good leads," he said.

and Stewart when she saw people start firing at the house. At first she thought the shots were firecrackers, but then noticed everyone started calling 911.

Police said the shooting appeared gang-related and that Turner may have been the intended target. But Sterling said she didn't know why the men opened fire at the house.

"Why would they come and shoot when there are kids out here?" Sterling said. "They don't have any respect or morals."

# Documents: Clout at U. of I. law school

### Chicago Tribune

University of Illinois Chancellor Richard Herman forced the law school to admit an unqualified applicant backed by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich while arranging for the governor's go-between to seek jobs for five law school graduates, according to new documents released Thursday by the university.

The records suggest for the first time an explicit trading of favors, the most troubling evidence yet of how Illinois' entrenched system of patronage crept into the admissions process of the state's most prestigious public university.

The relative of deep-pocketed Blagojevich campaign donor Kerry Peck appears to have been pushed by trustee Lawrence Eppley, who routinely carried admissions requests from the governor.

When law school dean Heidi Hurd balked on accepting the applicant in April 2006, Herman replied that the request came "Straight from the G. My apologies. Larry has promised to work on jobs (5). What counts?"

Hurd replied: "Only very high-paying jobs in law firms that are absolutely indifferent to whether the five have passed their law school classes or the Bar."

Later that day, Herman sent an e-mail to Eppley asking for "assistance in obtaining 5 government and or law profession jobs for graduates of our Law School."

It wasn't immediately clear if the jobs were ever provided.

Gov. Quinn created a special commission to look into the university's admissions practices after the Chicago Tribune published a series of stories revealing that more than 800 undergraduate applicants—as well as an undetermined number of those applying to graduate and professional schools—received special consideration because they were backed by university trustees, legislators and others in powerful positions.

University trustees held a three-hour, emergency meeting to discuss the e-mails Thursday before releasing them.

### Blagojevich trial set for next June

A federal judge Thursday set trial for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his co-defendants for next June 3.

U.S. District Judge James Zagel set the date after Blagojevich's lawyer, Sheldon Sorosky, asked for as late a date as possible because of the more than 3 million pages of documents the defense must pore over.

Defense lawyers said they realize they have their work cut out for them, but they believe they can be ready by the trial date Zagel set.

There are four primary lawyers handling the case, they said, and a team of seven younger lawyers helping to process documents.



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Joel Brodsky (left), attorney for Drew Peterson, leaves the Will County Courthouse last month. Brodsky asked prosecutors to give details about killing theory and "Cliffs Notes" of investigative reports. AP FILE

## Peterson's attorneys seek help in case

### Chicago Tribune

Attorneys for Drew Peterson, charged with murder in the 2004 drowning death of ex-wife Kathleen Savio, were in court Thursday seeking help as they sift through more than 30,000 pages of investigative reports and hundreds of hours of audio recordings turned over by prosecutors.

Joel Brodsky argued six motions before Judge Stephen White, essentially asking that prosecutors be required to give more details about their theory of how Peterson killed Savio as well as "Cliffs Notes" versions of the 9,470 investigative reports he has received.

"Are they saying my client held her underwater or knocked her unconscious or hit her over the head with a blunt object?" he said, later adding: "How did he do it? The state certainly has to prove that."

John Connor, chief of the Will County State's Attorney's major crimes unit, argued that all that information was detailed in the reports

given to Peterson's lawyers.

"I've never seen a request like this in any homicide case I've participated in," he told the judge.

White denied or continued the motions. He did tell prosecutors to give Peterson's attorneys an estimated time that Savio was last seen alive as well as an estimated time her body was discovered in the bathtub of her Bolingbrook home.

Prosecutors also agreed to reveal whether any money or other consideration was given to Lenny Wawczak and his wife Paula Stark, former acquaintances of Peterson who Brodsky said in court Thursday wore wires and also videotaped his client.

Brodsky sought the same information about Thomas Morphey, Peterson's stepbrother, who has said he helped Peterson remove the body of fourth wife Stacy from the couple's home in 2007.

### 2 teens missing after Chicago trip

Authorities were searching Thursday for two missing teen girls who police said could be in danger. Police believe 16-year-old Ziomara Gutierrez could be with Natasha Gonzales, 15, of Rockford, both of whom were reported missing on Monday after failing to come home from a trip to Chicago last week.

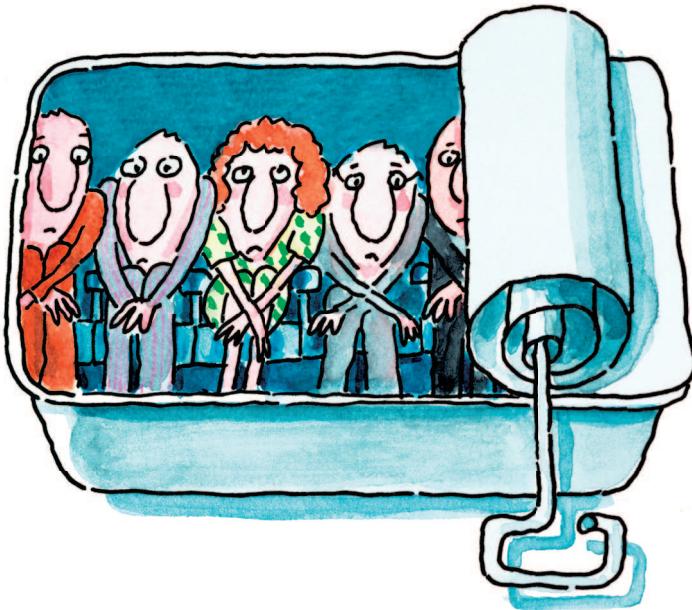
### Tollway worker pleads guilty

A former tollway employee who accepted cash fines for I-Pass violations and then pocketed as much as \$34,000 faces up to 14 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to official misconduct and theft from a government agency. Uganda Harris, 33, of Bellwood, is scheduled to be sentenced July 27.

### 2,000 turn out for casino reopening

The last time Maureen Newman Krause gambled at Joliet's Empress Casino was March 20—the same day a fire destroyed the casino's pavilion and forced its three-month closure. She and more than 2,000 others were on hand Thursday for the reopening. The steady stream of curiosity-seekers and gamblers caused traffic to back up, forcing many to wait more than an hour before reaching the casino.

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# Swine flu swindles

**Feds cracking down as pandemic spurs latest wave of Internet cons**

## MCT

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** Worried about swine flu? Don't want to wait for a shot or a prescription from your doctor?

You could try something like the Cold Booster Plus Formula, which claims to eliminate flu viruses from your body within hours—with just one capsule.

Or a nasal sanitizer that kills flu viruses lurking in your nose. Or Silver Shampoo to wash the virus out of your hair.

That's the kind of stuff the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been discovering for sale on the Internet since the swine flu pandemic began.

The FDA has sent out more than 50 warning letters to online entrepreneurs demanding they stop asserting that their products can prevent or treat swine flu infections.

Most have backed down voluntarily and removed the claims from their sites, said Gary Coody, the FDA's national health fraud coordinator. The FDA can seize their products or shut down their sites if they don't.

But eliminating outrageous online marketing is a perpetual game of whack-a-mole for

## BACKGROUND

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said last week that swine flu, or H1N1 flu, is likely to continue spreading through the summer and into the fall and winter. A vaccine, if it's approved, will take months to manufacture. Anti-viral drugs can reduce flu symptoms but require a doctor's prescription.

federal regulators. New sites pop up all the time. And there could be hundreds that haven't been detected, Coody said.

"The Internet is not a static thing. It changes minute to minute, second to second," Coody said. "Anybody can set up a Web site. With a few keystrokes you can make the claims about a product."

People may turn to products sold online because they're impatient with the advice public health officials have been giving, said Lee Norman, chief medical officer of the University of Kansas Hospital.

"The virus is out there. They read about it and all I'm being told is to cover my coughs," Norman said.

"People aren't satisfied with washing their hands with soap and water. If they're anxious, doing nothing is not gratifying."

The FDA anticipated that the swine flu might become a bonanza for marketers. Previous health scares from anthrax, SARS and avian flu also generated dubious Internet promotions.

In late April, the agency set up a task force to surf the Web.

Within days of the first swine flu cases reported in Mexico, questionable products for sale were discovered.

One of the first was Silver Shampoo.

"Because the swine flu virus is airborne, it may settle on your hair, and then if you touch your hair and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth, you can contract the illness," the shampoo's Web site said.

There also have been surgical masks "proven to trap and kill" 99.99 percent of swine flu viruses.

If swine flu picks up again during the regular fall flu season, Coody expects additional Internet marketing.

"And we'll be ready for it," he said.

# Positively confusing: Self-help not always helpful

**The Washington Post**

Despite what all those self-help books say, repeating positive statements apparently does not help people with low self-esteem feel better about themselves.

In fact, it tends to make them feel worse, according to new research.

Joanne Wood of the University of Waterloo in Ontario and two colleagues conducted experiments in which they asked students to repeat statements to themselves such as "I am a lovable person"—then measured how it affected their mood.

"From at least as far back as Norman Vincent Peale's 'The Power of Positive Thinking' (1952), the media have advocated saying favorable things to oneself," the researchers wrote in a recent issue of the journal *Psychological Science*. "At this moment, thousands of people across North America are probably silently repeating positive statements to themselves."

But in one of their studies involving 32 male and 36 female psychology students, the researchers found that repeating the phrase did not improve the mood of those who had low self-esteem, as measured by a standard test. They actually ended up feeling worse, and the gap between those with high and low self-esteem widened.

The findings did not change even if participants were instructed to focus on how the statement might be true about them, as they were in a second study involving 12 men and 39 women.

The results "suggest that for certain people, positive self-statements may not only be ineffective, but actually detrimental," the researchers wrote. More research is needed to understand that effect.

"One possibility is that, like over-positive praise, they can elicit contradictory thoughts" and prompt people to focus on how the positive statement is not true about them, the researchers wrote.



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### 1 Mom and cub

That giant panda doesn't look so giant now, does he? A still-unnamed cub sleeps Thursday on his mother, Lin Hui, at Thailand's Chiang Mai Zoo. **AP PHOTO**

### 2 Glad to see you!

Investigators say a woman held hostage in her Victorville, Calif., home by an ex-boyfriend has been saved by a chance visit from a bill collector.

### 3 GOP leader to gov: Resign

A top South Carolina Republican leader says philandering Gov. Mark Sanford should resign and practice the philosophy he's preached of holding GOP leaders accountable.

### New Windows

Microsoft said Thursday that prices for the Windows 7 operating system are largely in line with those for Vista and that people who buy PCs before the new system goes on sale in October will get free upgrades.

### 4 Oil battle

More than three decades after they were booted from the country by Saddam Hussein, international oil companies are poised for a return to Iraq where next week they will bid for a slice of the country's vast crude reserves.

### 5 Nuclear firestorm

Tens of thousands of North Koreans shouted slogans to denounce international sanctions at a rally in Pyongyang on Thursday, as the communist country vowed to enlarge its atomic arsenal and warned of a "fire shower of nuclear retaliation" in the event of a U.S. attack.

### 6 Safety geek

Britain is hiring former computer hackers to join a new security unit aimed at protecting cyberspace from foreign spies, thieves and terrorists, the country's terrorism minister said Thursday in London.

# 'Charlie's Angels' star dies

**7 LOS ANGELES** Farrah Fawcett, the "Charlie's Angels" star whose feathered blond hair and dazzling smile made her one of the biggest sex symbols of the 1970s, died Thursday after battling cancer. She was 62.

The pop icon, who in the 1980s set aside the fantasy girl image to tackle serious roles, died shortly before 9:30 a.m. in a Santa Monica hospital, spokesman Paul Bloch said. Ryan O'Neal, the longtime companion who had reunited with Fawcett as she fought anal cancer, was at her side, along with close friend Alana Stewart, Bloch said.

"After a long and brave battle with cancer,

our beloved Farrah has passed away," O'Neal said. "Although this is an extremely difficult time for her family and friends, we take comfort in the beautiful times that we shared with Farrah over the years and the knowledge that her life brought joy to so many people around the world."

Other "Charlie's Angels" stars paid tribute to her.

"Farrah had courage, she had strength, and she had faith. And now she has peace as she rests with the real angels," Jaclyn Smith said.

Said Cheryl Ladd: "She was incredibly brave, and God will be welcoming her with open arms."

### FAWCETT'S LEGACY

Farrah Fawcett burst on the scene in 1976 as one-third of the crime-fighting trio in TV's "Charlie's Angels." A poster of her in a clingy swimsuit sold in the millions.

She left the show after one season but had a flop on the big screen with "Somebody Killed Her Husband." She turned to more serious roles in the 1980s and 1990s.



**Fawcett**



### In mourning

**8 BAGHDAD** Men carry on Thursday the coffin of a relative killed in a bombing in the main Shiite district. A bomb ripped through a crowded market on Wednesday, less than a week before a deadline for U.S. combat troops to leave Iraq's urban areas. **AP**

### Cashing in

**9 ORLANDO** Two employees who found \$40,000 in cash at a Florida car dealership have made their boss proud: Instead of keeping the money, they turned it in.

The Orlando Sentinel reports it was in a small box that someone left at Central Florida Toyota on Monday. Two employees in the parts department noticed it but assumed someone would come back to get it. When it was still there Tuesday, they opened it and found the cash.

The dealership's general manager said he was surprised that someone would carry that much money and leave it on a public display counter. He also said he was proud to have such honest employees.

The money remained Thursday at the Orange County Sheriff's Office waiting to be claimed. Deputies are reviewing security video from the dealership.

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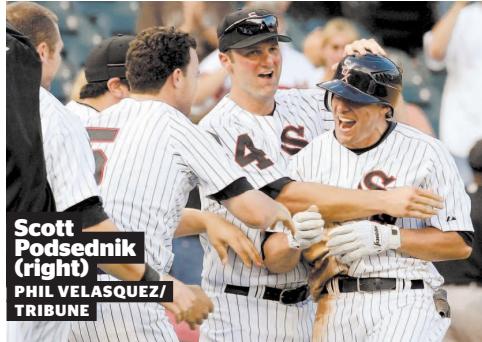
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Scott Podsednik (right)  
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## A tale of two teams

### Chicago Tribune

Scott Podsednik's bases-loaded single scored pinch-runner Gordon Beckham as the White Sox handed the Dodgers their first series loss in more than a month Thursday with a 6-5 13-inning victory.

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Beckham was running for Paul Konerko, who started the rally with a single. A.J. Pierzynski singled and Chris Getz was walked intentionally to load the bases with no outs, but Josh Fields and Dewayne Wise both popped out in front of Podsednik.

The Sox, who hit six homers Wednesday, added two more by Konerko and Pierzynski.

The Sox next host the Cubs, beginning Friday at U.S. Cellular Field.

The Cubs did the Sox no favors the past three days, losing three to the Tigers, who maintain a six-game lead in the American League Central.

In the Cubs' Thursday loss to the Tigers, Jake Fox provided a brief dose of hope that the team's offensive drought was over when he belted a three-run, first-inning home run off Detroit starter Armando Galarraga. But Fox's first career homer turned out to be just another mirage, and the Cubs fell 6-5 to the Tigers, dropping under .500 again with their fourth straight loss.

The Cubs managed only six more hits off Galarraga and the Tigers bullpen the rest of the way, as Detroit completed the three-game sweep.

"I still cling to the fact that if we can stay healthy, that we'll make a run in the second half of this thing," manager Lou Piniella said before the game.



The Cubs' Alfonso Soriano reacts Thursday after being thrown out at first base on a double play against the Detroit Tigers. AP

## How to watch on the South Side

Don't lose hope, Sox fans. Even when your team isn't playing well, die-hard fans lead with plenty of heart. Rain or shine, until the final bell, here are my tips to watching a game at the Cell:

» **As fantasy baseball is a different term for the ladies:** Scotty Pods and Jermaine Dye usually stretch at third base 15 minutes before game time.

» **For the guys:** You can watch soxybacks gawking over Scotty Pods stretching at third base 15 minutes before game time.

» **Be a team player.** High-five all the fans around you after a great play. It's a Sox thing. Hand sanitizer optional.

» **Be a playa playa!** Little-known fact: The outfield concourse is the unofficial singles section of the Cell. Yes, female Cubs fans, we are accepting convert applications.

» **Be an Ozzie ... sort of.** Feel free to vent your frustration on a bad call without the vulgarity,

or, like Ozzie, an ejection is in your future.

» **Concessions stands are magical at the Cell.** If you believe it's not fattening, then it isn't. Counting calories at a baseball game is a North Side tradition anyway.

» **Since we brought it up,** throwing back the opposition's homer—and the terms "Holy Cow" and "Woo Woo"—are traditions but not White Sox traditions.

» **Remember that Sox fans represent the working class.** We leave blowouts early only to ensure proper rest for the next work day.

» **Day games are a mixed blessing.** For sun-bathers, the third-base line can be like sitting on a tropical-bay dock. For sun-haters, make sure you wear plenty of sun block.



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» **Think of those violators of baseball etiquette** who wear Cubs jerseys to the Cell as a swarm of gnats. They get on your nerves, do no real harm and are gone by October.

» **Finally, if you happen to notice a sock-laden superhero patrolling the**

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Geovany Soto reacts after striking out Thursday in Detroit. Soto says he is embarrassed after testing positive for marijuana at this year's World Baseball Classic. AP

# Limping to the Cell

## Cubs reeling as Round 2 of City Series arrives

### RedEye

It's only been a little more than a week since the first round of the Cubs-White Sox series ended, but it seems like an eternity for Cubbie nation. Simply put, the Cubs are in disarray. Here's why. TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED

### Smokin' Soto

2008 NL rookie of the year Geovany Soto, it is reported, failed a drug test during the World Baseball Classic. He tested positive for marijuana while playing for Puerto Rico. Major League Baseball will not punish him. Fans should be more worried about his .227 average and 21 RBIs.

### Broken Bradley

Prized off-season acquisition Milton Bradley is such a wreck that he couldn't even break a bat over his leg after striking out in

the ninth inning Wednesday. Manager Lou Piniella benched him Thursday and planned to do the same Friday. He'll play Saturday and Sunday, "for sure," Piniella said. Let's use the word "play" loosely.

### 4-3

That's the Cubs' record since the abbreviated, two-game series with the Sox last week. The lowlight, perhaps, was a shutout loss in Atlanta, when the Cubs were blanked 2-0 and left 12 men stranded. "We got enough hits," said Piniella. "We just didn't hit with



men on base."

### Closing time

Letting Kerry Wood go appeared to be the right move after he blew two games for Cleveland at Wrigley Field last weekend. But then Wood's replacement, Kevin Gregg, blew a save of his own Tuesday at Detroit, giving up a two-run, walk off homer to Ryan Raburn. Raburn has hit only five homers this season, none bigger than that one.

### Still hurtin'

Aramis Ramirez's return from a dislocated shoulder is up in the air, and apparently Piniella and A-Ram aren't even on the same page about his injury. On Tuesday, Piniella said Ramirez would start taking batting practice in the next three days. Not so fast, the slugger said. "I don't know where Lou got that from," Ramirez said. "But I'm getting close. I just don't have a day yet."

# Greetings from no man's land

That is where the Bulls stand after another mediocre draft.

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I'll put it to you this way. We have Derrick Rose.

Fine, great. Now, we need one, maybe two more real difference-makers. Some more breaking news: Those guys aren't on the Bulls right now.

Luol Deng? Sorry, not the real deal. Ben Gordon? Good, not great. Kirk Hinrich? Yeah, scrappy but an average shooter and scorer at best. And, we still have nothing inside. Joakim Noah and Tyrus Thomas are really gifted at ... well ... I don't know what.

So don't try to make it up on volume, either. Ten to 11 really good guys doesn't make up for one superstar. Not in the NBA.

Unless we sign a huge free agent next year (possibly) or strike gold this year in the draft (not likely) we're stuck here for a long time. Having two draft picks means two more guys who won't matter. Two more dudes taking up space. Don't be fooled by that playoff series with Boston. We're not that close.

Neither are the Cubs and Sox. At this point, I'm begging for a Lou Piniella explosion.

Way to get your butts beat by the Tigers. No clutch hitting, weak relief pitching. Bring the storm, Lou. Please, make it interesting.

Oh, and do we still miss Kerry Wood and Mark DeRosa? Cleveland is just as bad as the Cubs, so I don't want to hear it.

I also don't want to hear about how close the White Sox are. They're third in the worst division in baseball. Those homers against the Dodgers were great, but on most nights, they're "no homer, no win."



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## Sox ed

Soxman is so excited about the City Series at the Cell, he's invited Cubs fan Jimmy—and his bourbon and hookers, of course. Bonus answers at [tr.im/fiveonfive](http://tr.im/fiveonfive)

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1 Watching a baseball game at U.S. Cellular Field is like ...	... watching a black and white TV.	... watching Jimmy beg for conjugal love. Tough Cell.	... sex in a portable toilet. Never again.	... watching a game at home ... literally, in my case.	... like watching Jimmy watch "Transformers 2" at the theater by himself: disturbing.
2 How would you greet Soxman if you met him in person?	I have met him, and right afterward I had to take a bath in tomato juice.	It's a secret. What happens in the Fortress of Solitude ...	"Soxman, your mama's so poor she goes to Kentucky Fried Chicken to lick other people's fingers."	"Mirror mirror on the wall, who's the sexiest of them all?"	"Hey ... so which button in your utility belt calls your mom to pick you up?"
3 Ozzie Guillen hates Wrigley. What does Lou Piniella think of the Cell?	Honestly, I don't think he even knows the name of it.	He's ready to "believe in something better."	He just wants to kick it real hard.	Overpriced, no heart, a waste. Sorry he thought the question was about Soriano.	Nothing. He's more curious about Larry Rothschild's hair than the Cell.
4 Welcome the new Bulls players to Chicago.	Have fun, and remember: burn all your old just-joking-around gang sign photos.	No thanks, I'll let Derrick Rose welcome the new gang.	"Greetings. Go find yourself a DePaul girl. They love bull riding."	I'd bust right in, but "bust" and new Bulls are unacceptable word associations.	"First things first: Don't be surprised if we trade you for a washing machine."
5 The NHL draft is up next. What do the Blackhawks need?	Some players who grew up in gangs.	More cowbell! The Blackhawks need some brass bells.	If Patrick Kane hits puberty this year, he'll be unstoppable.	Muscle and aggression. Perhaps consult Manny Ramirez's personal trainer?	They need a little bit of Shake ... and ... Bakel Oh, and more hot cheerleaders.


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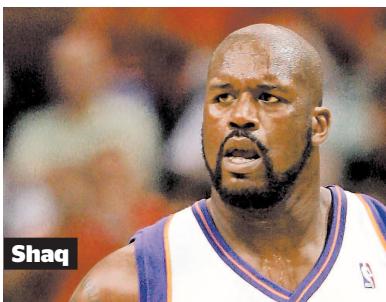
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## Shaq, King join forces

**CLEVELAND** One is the King, a reigning MVP who at age 24 needs only a championship to complete his resume. The other is a larger-than-life personality who may be past the prime of his career but remains an undeniable force and hungers for a fifth NBA title.

LeBron and Shaq. Teammates.

The Cleveland Cavaliers executed a blockbuster trade Thursday to unite the superstars, acquiring Shaquille O'Neal from the Phoenix Suns in hopes he can help LeBron James deliver this seemingly sports-cursed city its first major pro championship in 45 years.

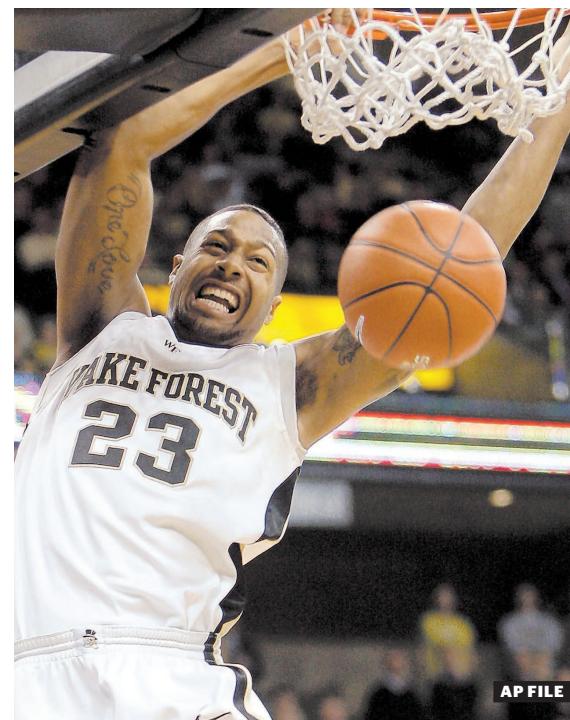
The deal creates a tandem that calls to mind some of the great duos in NBA history: Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bob Cousy and Bill Russell, Shaq himself and Kobe Bryant.

"Shaq is an incredible ballplayer and a four-time NBA champion," James said in a statement sent to The Associated Press. "I have a lot of respect for him and his game. It will be a real honor to play with Shaq as my teammate and I look forward to another great season with the Cavs."

The Cavs sent center Ben Wallace and swingman Sasha Pavlovic to the Suns, along with a second-round pick in the 2010 draft and \$500,000 in cash, for O'Neal.



**JAMES JOHNSON**

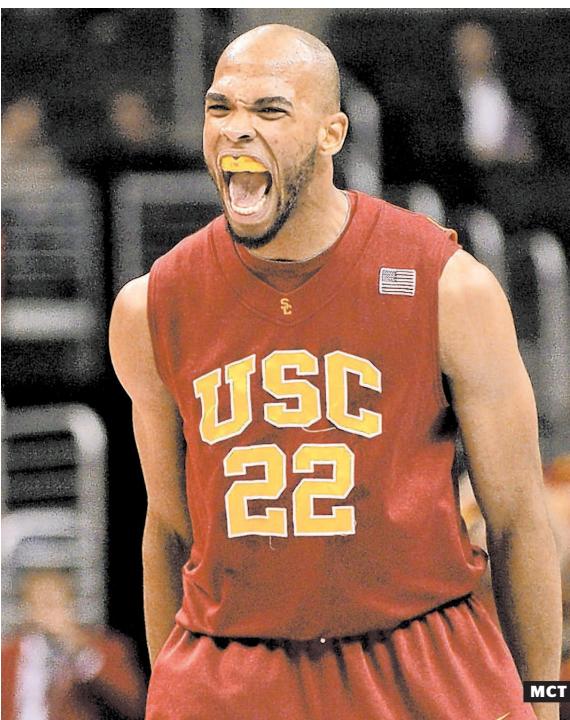


**Position:** Forward  
**Height/weight:** 6-7 3/4, 257  
**Birthdate:** Feb. 20, 1987

**Projected strengths:** Potential to create mismatches. Ability to score in a variety of ways. Ability to run the floor. Can score with either hand. Solid ballhandler after playing point guard in high school.

**High school:** Cheyenne (Wyo.) East  
**College:** Wake Forest

**TAJ GIBSON**



**Position:** Forward  
**Height/weight:** 6-9 3/4, 214  
**Birthdate:** June 24, 1985

**Projected strengths:** Shot blocker who will concentrate on defense and rebounding. At 24, considered more mature than most rookies. Can run the floor well.

**High school:** Calvary Christian (Pacific Grove, Calif.)  
**College:** USC



### watch dog

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Hello, Shaq. Welcome to the Eastern Conference's Central Division, home to my Bulls.

I think you'll find the East much less exciting than the Wild Wild West. And, yes, I am referring to the ghastly Will Smith movie.

Here now, my TV picks.



### CROSSTOWN CLASSIC

#### White Sox vs. Cubs

3:05 p.m. WGN, CSN

The Cubs are hurting even worse than they were during Round 1. This could be a KO.

### ESPYS Nomination Special

7 p.m. ESPN2

Congrats to the Fire's Jon Busch for his best MLS player nomination.

### WWE Friday Night Smackdown!

7 p.m. MyTV

My favorite: a steel-cage match. But don't dare put me in my cage. No, sir.

# Forward thinking

The Bulls selected James Johnson of Wake Forest with the 16th pick in the draft Thursday night, adding a versatile forward with a martial arts background who can hit the jumper and dunk in traffic to a front line that could use some scoring pop.

The Bulls then took Southern California forward Taj Gibson at No. 26 even though Pittsburgh's DeJuan Blair, thought to be a possibility with the 16th pick, still was on the board.

Although they added size and strength, the Bulls could still use an inside scoring presence to go with Joakim Noah, Tyrus Thomas and Brad Miller. To that end, they

might be leading contenders for Chris Bosh if Toronto decides to trade its All-Star.

The 6-foot-8, 257-pound Johnson averaged 15.0 points and a team-leading 8.5 rebounds as a sophomore last season for the Demon Deacons, a team that finished 24-7 and held the No. 1 ranking in January.

Gibson gives the Bulls another forward with a wide wing span who can block shots and run the floor, but his low-post game is limited. He also struggled at the foul line, shooting 58 percent over three seasons at Southern Cal. Even so, he averaged 14.3 points and a team-leading 9.0 rebounds and 2.9 blocks as a junior last season.

» The Kansas City Chiefs added depth to the defensive backfield, signing former Bears Pro Bowl safety Mike Brown, the team announced Thursday.

» An 8-year-old Michigan boy remains in a hospital after a broken baseball bat sailed into the stands at a minor-league baseball game in Ohio and hit him in the nose.

» Singer Gloria Estefan and her husband are bringing the Miami Sound Machine to the Miami Dolphins as minority owners.

» Andy Roddick, Venus Williams win at Wimbledon. » Evander Holyfield faces foreclosure on house.

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- 3:00pm Irene B
- 1:30pm Soul Fit w/Team I-Fit
- 12:00pm Brittany Monet

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# Aural sampling

## 10 musical highlights at this year's Taste of Chicago

By Matt Pais

By now, you've been to Grant Park's annual Taste of Chicago (June 26-July 5) plenty of times. You're convinced you've got the thing down. It's always essentially the same, right?

Wrong. This year the Taste Stage delivers an exciting variety of local acts (including tributes to Chicago-based Bloodshot, Thrill Jockey and Earwig record labels) in addition to a few notable Petrillo Music Shell headliners. Here's where your ears should hang while your eyes and stomach feast. Obvious reminder: The food ain't free, but the music is!

### Kid, You'll Move Mountains

2:30 p.m. Fri. at Taste Stage

The name sounds supremely optimistic. But the indie rock from this appealing Chicago outfit is wonderfully bittersweet, bridging the gap between sorrow and glory into something both jaded and catchy. The band's debut, "Loomings," offers the sort of sophistication and polish not often found on a first outing.

### Empires

7 p.m. Fri. at Taste Stage

Little more than a year after releasing its debut, "Howl," for free download, this Chicago quintet shows no signs of slowing down, with upcoming slots at Milwaukee's Summerfest and Wicker Park Fest and a new record in the works. We look forward to the ride.

### Andre Williams

Noon Sat. at Taste Stage

Not many cats in their 70s can do anything close to what Andre Williams does. A rumbling tub of badass soul, Bloodshot Records artist Williams has been mastering funky, bluesy R&B since before you were born. Saying he's still got it is an understatement.

### Scotland Yard Gospel Choir

5:15 p.m. Sat. at Taste Stage

While one of Bloodshot's prettiest acts is overdue for a new record, we can't resist pointing to this well-composed folk-pop group, which doesn't let soothing voices or pleasant acoustic guitars stop them from using words to break the skin.



### Taste of Chicago

**When:** Opens 11 a.m. Friday-July 5. Closes daily 9 p.m. except July 3 (9:30 p.m.) and July 5 (6 p.m.)

**Main entrance:** Congress Parkway and Michigan Avenue

**Cost:** Free entry; \$8 per strip of 12 food and drink tickets

**Basics:** The 29th annual extravaganza opens Friday with food from more than 50 local restaurants, plus a wine garden, live music, cooking demos and more. 312-744-3315.

### Waco Brothers

7 p.m. Sat. at Taste Stage

A Bloodshot band that uses its twang to nudge its middle finger even higher, Jon Langford's local alt-country outfit has built its name on raucous live shows and was doing booze-soaked party anthems before the Hold Steady first plugged in their guitars.

### The Wallflowers

5 p.m. Sun. at Petrillo Music Shell

These guys may not be the hottest kids on the block, but they do come armed with a decade-plus worth of solidly crafted rock albums that hold up considerably well over time. Listen to their self-titled debut or "Breach" and just try to argue that Jakob Dylan doesn't deserve to be regarded as more than Bob's son.

### Chicago Afrobeat Project

5:15 p.m. Mon. at Taste Stage

This world music collective has spent the better part of the decade turning local listeners into crazy dance machines. Some fest acts are better for audiences sitting near the stage than grooving near it, but Chicago Afrobeat Project will have the wallflowers feeling totally lame—and unable to resist letting their feet tap along.



### Ne-Yo

5:30 p.m. July 1 at Petrillo Music Shell  
It's almost not fair for anyone to be as smoothly dapper as this R&B star: He sings, he produces, he charms and he knows how to turn a live performance into a class act. Appropriate dress for this show would probably get a little sweaty in the July heat, but if Ne-Yo can make it work, you can too.

### Eleventh Dream Day

5:15 p.m. July 2 at Taste Stage

As part of the Taste's salute to Thrill Jockey, veteran Chicago pop-rockers Eleventh Dream Day demonstrate what locals have known for decades: Chicago rock is ever-shifting and resilient as hell. Yes, that goes for both the band and the label.

### Booker T.

3 p.m. July 4 at Petrillo Music Shell

Buddy Guy's also playing this show, and it goes without saying that you'll want to see the legendary Chicago bluesman. Arrive early to see veteran R&B/funk maestro Booker T. Jones, who just released "Potato Hole"—his first solo album in 20 years—and will share the stage with Drive-By Truckers. Sweet!

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## best bets

By Rebecca Palmore  
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**fri**  
**26**

**Alli After Dark**  
LaSalle Power Co., 500 N. La Salle St. 312-661-1122.

Party with BMX athletes in town for the Dew Tour in Grant Park at this benefit for the Athlete Recovery Fund (ARF). Includes domestic beer and cocktails, live music by Wrong Way, a DJ and silent auction. 9 p.m. \$30-\$35.

### Al fresco wine dinner

Maxwell's at the Club, 500 N. Kingsbury St. 312-527-5800 ext. 301. Chef Rick Hall doles out grilling tips while you eat summer fare (think steak with grilled corn) and sip 10 wines. 6 p.m. \$35. RSVP recommended.



**sat**  
**27**

### CubCrawl 2009

Start: Johnny O'Hagan's, 3374 N. Clark St. or Redmond's, 3358 N. Sheffield Ave.

Keep tabs on the Crosstown Classic during a nine-bar crawl timed to match the game's innings. 2 p.m. \$20 donation benefits the Boom Foundation. Contact: [cubcrawl.com](http://cubcrawl.com)

### Luau and Pig Roast

Moonshine, 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

Show flower power in the form of island garb at this al fresco party boasting roasted pork sandwiches (\$6), sliders (\$6) and dinners (\$7); hula dancers; Hawaiian shirt and limbo contests; and \$5 Bacardi mojitos. Noon. No cover.

**sun**  
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### Global Grooves Summerfest

Green Dolphin Street, 2200 N. Ashland Ave. 773-490-0975.

Work your angle as international music lover and dance to salsa, Persian, Bhangra and more from DJs Sultan, Mwelwa, John Curley, Dean Karamaniolas, Enrique Tobias, Comforde and Ko. Includes a barbecue until 6 p.m. 3 p.m. \$10.

### FESTIVALS!

Find info on this weekend's fests, including the Pride Parade, Chicago Pride Fest, Taste of Chicago and more on Page 34 and at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com)

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DJs spin punk, hip-hop, soul, disco and more 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover; 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-7036.

#### SOPO

50 cent wings, \$5 martinis and mojitos; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

#### STANLEY'S ON RACINE

\$3.50 Jameson shots, \$5 Three Olives bombs; 324 S. Racine Ave. 312-433-0007.

#### SUBTERRANEAN

\$4 Grey Goose flavored cocktails, \$5 appetizer combo, DJs spin 10 p.m. \$5; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

#### TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S

\$5 glasses of sangria, \$15 pitchers of sangria, \$6.99 beef burrito; 622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700.

#### VILLAINS BAR & GRILL

\$3 Jameson shots, \$4 microbrew bottles, \$4 drafts; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

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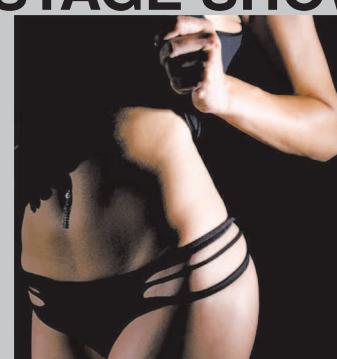
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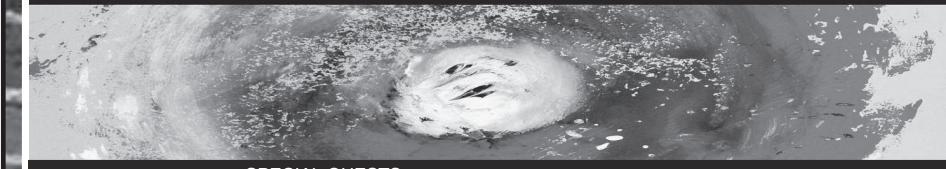
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6:30 p.m. Free. Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive. 312-742-7638.

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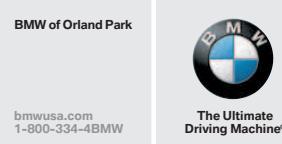
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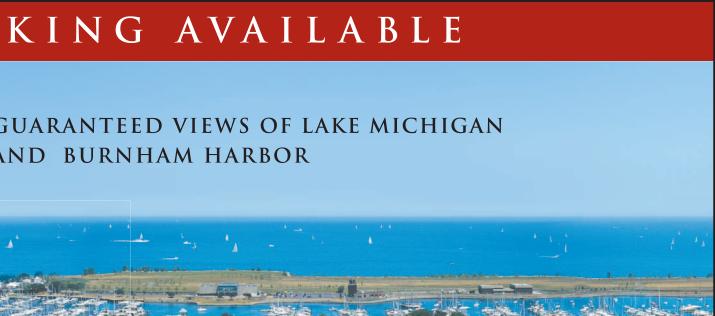


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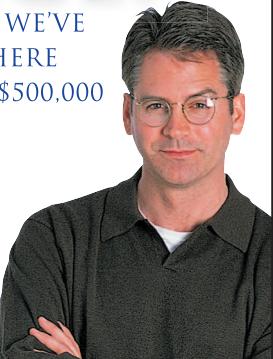
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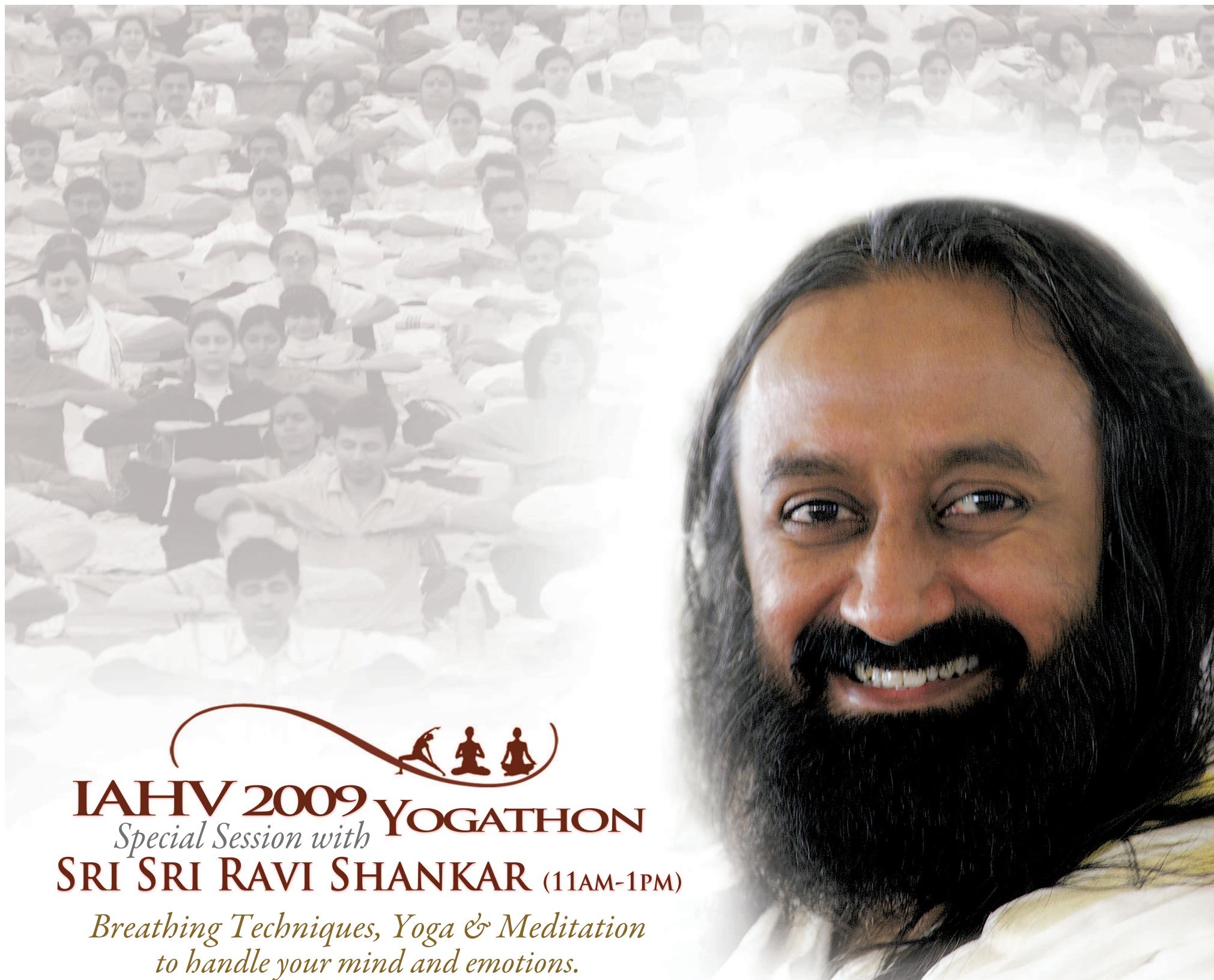
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# Band new day

## New frontman brings fresh sound to dance-rock band

### Chicago Tribune

Just as the Sapiens were beginning to generate substantial buzz, the suit-clad, dance-rock quintet parted ways with frontman and founding member Evan Sears.

The group, citing that age-old standby "creative differences," played its final gig at Metro in January and confirmed the breakup via MySpace, writing, "That's our show, thanks for coming! We had fun, didn't we?"

But guitarist Charlie Nadler, bassist David Veller, keyboardist Matt Witt and drummer David Fine were determined to continue on in some form. With nobody willing or able to step up to the microphone ("We discussed it,"

### Chi tunes

#### Blane Fonda

**When:** 10 p.m. Friday  
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Nadler said, "But nobody wanted to be that guy," auditions for a new singer began almost immediately. By the close of February the group had a new frontman, Pennsylvania native Mark Wetzel, and a new name: Blane Fonda.

The bandmates approached the audition process in a businesslike manner totally befitting the tailored stage garb they sported in their former crew. After posting an ad on Craigslist, the four musicians auditioned no less than seven singers before settling on the 26-year-old Wetzel.

"When he came in the first time we were pretty sure we had found the guy, but we didn't want to cut the tryouts short," Nadler said. "So we had him back for three rounds, and by the third round he had written parts to five songs. I think at that point he was like, 'Are you guys just using me to write songs? Or are you actually going to invite me to join the band?'"

One of Wetzel's first tunes, "Opportunity Rocks," could have been interpreted as a challenge to his would-be bandmates: "Pick yourself up and dust yourself off/It's time to get it on."

The new material began taking shape almost immediately during three-times-a-



Blane Fonda includes 80 percent of the Sapiens. Pennsylvania native Mark Wetzel (center) sings lead.

week rehearsals at the group's Humboldt Park practice space. Wetzel's elastic voice proved a natural fit for Blane Fonda's new, swaggering style. In return, the ex-Sapiens' groove-laden tracks helped pull Wetzel out of an emotional tailspin.

"I was at a point where I had just lost a lot

of things that mattered to me. I lost a girlfriend. My band [Technicolor Stallion] had broken up," Wetzel said. "But all their songs are pretty fun and bouncy and energetic, so you can't really take yourself too seriously. You almost can't help but tap your toes and move around."



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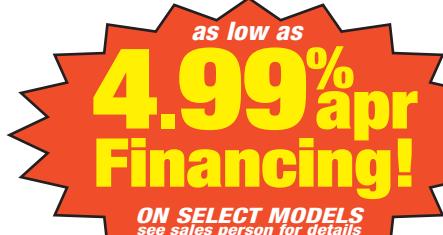
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# pop

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## KING OF POP MICHAEL JACKSON DIES AT 50

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES** The glove. The moonwalk. The Billboard hits. The tabloid rumors. Michael Jackson, the King of Pop, will be remembered for it all.

The kid from Gary, Ind., who became the biggest celebrity in the world, only to fall from his throne in a series of scandals, died Thursday at UCLA Medical Center in L.A. He was 50.

The circumstances of Jackson's death were not immediately clear. Jackson was not breathing when Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded to a call at his L.A. home about 12:30 p.m., Capt. Steve Ruda told the Los Angeles Times. The paramedics performed CPR and took him to UCLA Medical Center, Ruda told the newspaper.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the hospital as word of his death spread. The emergency entrance at the UCLA Medical Center, which is near Jackson's rented home, was roped off with police tape.

Jackson's death brought a tragic end to a

### Jackson online

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long, bizarre, sometimes farcical decline from his peak in the 1980s, when he reigned as king of pop music, dominating the charts and dazzling even more on stage.

His 1982 album "Thriller" remains the biggest-selling album of all time, with more than



100 million copies worldwide.

Jackson became known as much for his feverish, crotch-grabbing dance moves as his unique style—his single sequined glove, tight, military-style jacket and aviator sunglasses were trademarks second only to his ever-changing, surgically altered appearance.

Jackson rose to fame in the late 1960s, as the lead singer of the Jackson 5, the music group he formed with his four older brothers, with No. 1 hits such as "ABC," and "I'll Be There."

"For Michael to be taken away from us so suddenly at such a young age, I just don't have the words," said Quincy Jones, who produced

#### TIMELINE OF POP

Michael Jackson spent the vast majority of his life in the public eye, achieving fame on a scale never before seen. But with his success came controversy, and later legal troubles, which marred his legacy.



**1982:** "Thriller" released. Becomes one of the best-selling albums of all time. "Billie Jean," "Beat It" and "Say Say Say" with Paul McCartney hit No. 1.



**1987:** "Bad" sells 8 million copies. "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," "Bad" and "The Way You Make Me Feel" hit No. 1.



**1991:** "Black or White" hits No. 1.



**1993**  
**August:** Police raid Neverland after reports the singer sexually abused a 13-year-old boy.  
**December:** In a televised statement, Jackson denies allegations against him.

**1994**  
**January:** A settlement is reached between Jackson and his alleged victim.  
**May:** Jackson marries Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Elvis Presley.



**2002:** Photos show Jackson dangling one of his children off the balcony of a hotel room in Berlin.

**2003**  
**February:** ABC's "20/20" airs a British documentary in which Jackson says he sometimes lets children sleep in his bed.

**November:** New allegations of child molestation against Jackson surface.

**December:** Jackson is charged with seven counts of child molestation and two of intoxicating a minor.

"Thriller." "I've lost my little brother today, and part of my soul has gone with him."

Jackson ranked alongside Elvis Presley and The Beatles as the biggest pop sensations of all time. He, in fact, united two of music's biggest names when he was briefly married to Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie.

As the years went by, Jackson became an increasingly freakish figure and tabloid media magnet—a middle-aged man-child out of touch with grown-up life. His skin became lighter, his nose narrower, and he spoke in a breathy, girlish voice. He surrounded himself with children at his Neverland Ranch and often wore a germ mask while traveling.

In 2005, he was cleared of charges he molested a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland in 2003. The case took a serious toll on his career and image, and he fell into financial trouble.

At the time of his death, Jackson was preparing for what was to be his greatest comeback: He was scheduled for an unprecedented 50 shows at a London arena, with the first set for July 13.

The repercussions of Jackson's death will impact concert promoter AEG, the full effects of which may not be known for months to come, the Los Angeles Times reports. More than \$85 million worth of tickets have been sold to Jackson's run at London's O2 Arena, according to Billboard's Ray Waddell.

As news of Jackson's death flooded the Internet, news sites such as CNN and [latimes.com](http://latimes.com) and services such as Twitter crashed from the crush of traffic.

In Times Square, a low groan went up in the crowd when a screen flashed that Jackson had died, and people began relaying the news to friends by cell phone.

"It's like when Kennedy was assassinated," said Michael Harris, 36, of New York City. "I will always remember being in Times Square when Michael Jackson died."



**2005**

**June:** Jackson is acquitted of all charges against him. He moves to Bahrain.

**2009**

**March:** Jackson announces a series of farewell shows in London.

**June:** Jackson dies in L.A.

Michael Jackson  
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## Man in the mirror

A look at Michael Jackson throughout his career.



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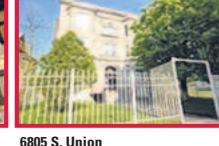
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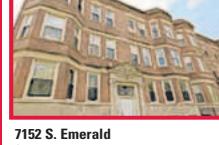
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Zombies attack The Comic Vault! Ok, not really. At Saturday's Zombie-Con, sketch comedy group Long Pork will perform a live version of "Zombie Chef." **PHOTO BY JOHN MORRISON**

# Zombie time

## By Web Behrens

FOR REDEYE

Zombies are in. Or are they on their way out?

That's the thing about grave-crawlers—just when you thought you were done with them, they keep coming back.

Matt Sardo admits that he thought the latest craze was "played out." The 32-year-old owner of The Comic Vault figured the zombie love in films, comic books and TV shows was going to wane. But nope, the thirst seems to be unquenchable.

"Everybody reading comic books thought it was going to die out two years ago, but it just keeps going," he said.

Zombies have fueled a variety of hit comics over the past several years, so it wasn't a big leap for Sardo and some buddies to cook up Zombie-Con, a lighthearted festival of all things undead.

"We put out the feelers, and it just started growing," he said.

The bloody ghouls will rise from local cemeteries to take over the Montrose Avenue comic shop on Saturday. Unfolding just two weeks after the second annual Chicago Zombie March downtown, this all-day gathering promises everything from make-up tips to short-story readings by five local authors.

Special guest appearances include Zombie Chef, a comedic YouTube personality, and Tim Seeley, the creator of hit indie comic "Hack/Slash," an affectionate riff on the horror genre featuring a pair of monster hunters.

In addition to the requisite awards for best

## ZOMBIE-CON

**What:** A day-long festival of undead revelry

**When:** 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** The Comic Vault,

1530 W. Montrose Ave.

**Tickets:** Free. 773-728-2001

See the schedule at [chicagocomicvault.com](http://chicagocomicvault.com)

## MORE ONLINE

Comic book creator and sketch colorist Jeff Balke tells Elliott Serrano that Zombie-Con is a must. Read more about it and other comics events this weekend at [redeyechicago.com/geektome](http://redeyechicago.com/geektome).

zombies, hourly raffles and sales, you can attend a seminar about "general zombie survival." And anyone who doesn't mind getting a little blood on their face can get a zombie makeover for five bucks. All the proceeds go to Arts of Life, a non-profit arts organization that provides studio and gallery space for developmentally disabled adults.

"Anything we can do to create an event where people are having fun, I'm gonna do," said Sardo, adding that he's not sure if the event will host 15 zombies or 150.

While some casual shoppers might be surprised to bump into the grave-crawlers, the ultimate goal is to keep the event a good time for all ages.

"It could be pretty epic," Sardo said. "I've had people calling from all over. It's part social mixer, and it's funny and undead, all at the same time. It's zombies." **WEB BEHRENS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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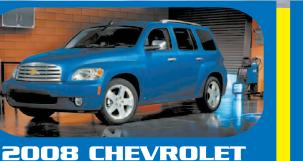
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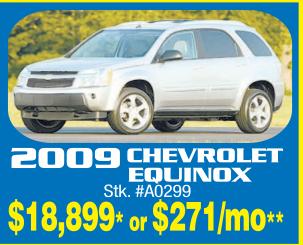
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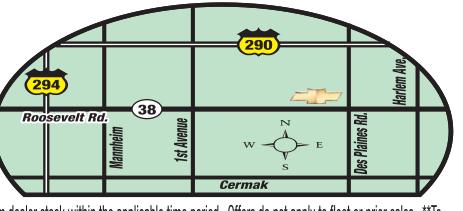
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## TV

### 'Doctor Who: The Next Doctor'

8 p.m. Saturday, BBC America

Don't let the title of this 2008 holiday special fool you: David Tennant hasn't given up his Time Lord title just yet. It's Christmas Eve 1851 in Victorian London, and The Doctor (Tennant) meets a man he believes is his future, a regenerated self who calls himself The Doctor (David Morrissey). The two combine forces to battle the ruthless Miss Hartigan (the deliciously evil Dervla Kirwan) and the Cybermen. It's fun to watch Tennant's Doc, usually the center of attention and problem-solving, step back to play assistant to the complex Morrissey. CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

## ALBUM

### 'Farm' Dinosaur Jr.

Once again, the time is right for Dinosaur Jr. "Farm," the band's second album since J. Mascis, Lou Barlow and Murph reunited in 2005, plays up everything that made the band indie-rock heroes in the early '90s recession. Mascis always made his virtuoso guitar solos sound humble, and his slacker-moan vocals practically personified the era of diminished expectations. They work again in the buzzing, catchy confusion of "Over It" and the grungy, anthem-like single "I Want You to Know" that sound as vital as their early genre-defining work.

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**'Virtuality'**  
7 p.m. Friday, Fox

"Battlestar Galactica" alums Ronald D. Moore and Michael Taylor created this pilot for a possible series, but Fox didn't order it. There's still hope, though, if reaction to the film is positive. It tells the story of a spaceship's crew members who use virtual-reality technology to retain their sanity while on a 10-year mission—the same sanity being tested by cameras that film their every move for a reality TV show airing back on Earth.

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**West and DeGeneres**  
TBS

## Ellen and Portia in wedded bliss

Viewers of "Ellen's Bigger, Longer & Wider Show" on Saturday may not see one of the sweetest moments from Ellen DeGeneres' variety show that was filmed at the Chicago Theatre.

At the end of the live show, the talk show host opened up the floor to audience questions. A newlywed asked for advice about marriage, to which DeGeneres, now married to actress Portia de Rossi, said, "Marry someone with your same shoe size."

De Rossi peeked out from the stage wings and DeGeneres smiled.

The variety show is part of TBS' "Very Funny Weekend" that includes three other comedy specials filmed June 17-21 during "A Very Funny" Festival Just For Laughs in Chicago. DeGeneres welcomed guests David Blaine, comic Joe Wong and Chicago's own Kanye West, as well as several variety acts such as a coat-hanger swallower and a contortionist. With Nick Cannon serving as DJ, the TV special might seem like an episode of "America's Got Talent."

But back to DeGeneres and her wife, De Rossi—because aren't they the real news? In an interview before they came to Chicago, DeGeneres said that the two don't plan on having kids.

"Everybody asks us that," she said. "It's so funny. No, I don't think we're going to have kids. We have animals, and ... we love them and they don't talk back. And they don't explore their vocal chords out in public."

She said the couple thought about it, but they are happy to be aunts.

"It's just a huge responsibility, and I don't know that that's something we want to take on," she said. "We're very happily married without children."


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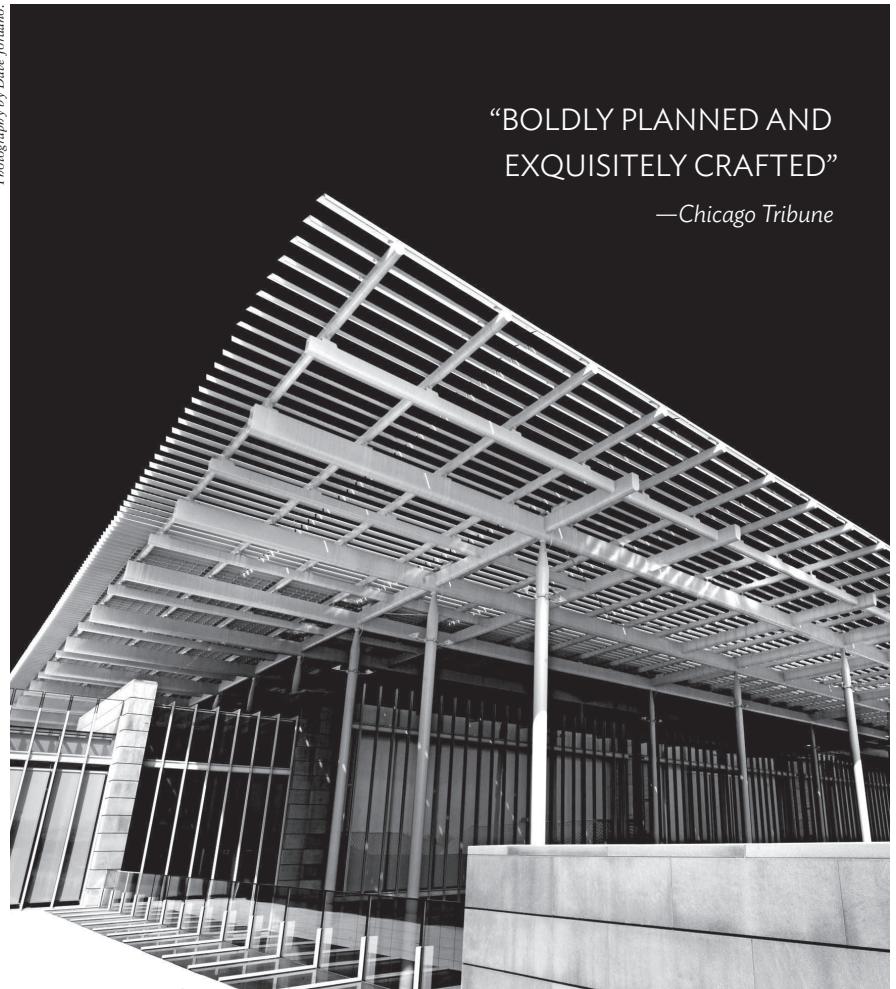
Martin Short hosts several comics in this special shot at The Vic Theatre.


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David Alan Grier came up with some memorable ways to introduce several acts for this special shot at The Vic Theatre.

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### MARINADE

- »  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup canola or olive oil
- » 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- » 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- » 1 tablespoon minced or crushed garlic
- » 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- »  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon black pepper

### TOPPING

- » 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- » 3 cloves garlic, minced
- » 1 small onion, finely chopped
- »  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- » 1 teaspoon fresh oregano
- »  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sliced mixed green and kalamata olives
- »  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup crumbled feta cheese (optional)



### DIRECTIONS

- » In a small bowl, whisk together all of the marinade ingredients. Pour half of the marinade over the steaks in a sealable plastic bag. Refrigerate at least 3 hours. Cover and refrigerate the other half of the marinade.
- » Remove the steaks from the bag and discard the marinade.
- » In a small skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add the onions and sauté until soft. Stir in the sun-dried tomatoes, oregano, olives and feta and sauté 2 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
- » Oil the grill grate and grill steaks to desired degree of doneness. Cover with the topping and drizzle with remaining marinade, if desired.

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## How can a relationship succeed when your partner strips or works in porn or a sex trade?

### Honesty aside, porn is a deal breaker



I don't know how a relationship with someone in the sex trade succeeds, because I can't figure out how it begins. It's a fact that a person should reveal early in the relationship—like, before a relationship actually develops. I've met people who have had full-fledged relationships with strippers, and they were somehow able to separate their mate's profession from the relationship. Porn is a different story. Irrespective of the level of honesty, I still can't imagine anyone having a good reaction to that news. I certainly wouldn't react well. I would be concerned about the sex but also curious as to how he selected his occupation. The only way that I can envision a porn star having a successful relationship is with a fellow porn worker. They understand each other.

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### Relationship is doomed from the start



As someone who has trouble making a relationship succeed without the added burden of being a porn star (that any of you know of, at least), I will say categorically that it's not possible. Perhaps porn stars get married, perhaps even to non-porn star people. But in the end, it will be one of those bizarre porn-marriages, such as the one that characters played by Julianne Moore and Burt Reynolds had in "Boogie Nights." In that film, everyone was doing cocaine and sleeping with other workers in the pornography industry, rolling in money and material wealth, driving expensive cars and working only five hours a week. Wait, now I'm having trouble remembering why you'd want a non-porn star marriage. OFF THE MARKLEY BLOGGER STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

### Separate sex from love and make it work



Your sweet honey is having sex for money. Will your brain or your heart let you get over it? There's the rub (no pun intended). It's easy—just ignore your mate's job. Many porn stars carry on successful relationships outside the industry because they've found caring, understanding partners who realize sex and love aren't the same thing. They can separate what happens in their own bedrooms from what their darling dear does at the office (i.e. porn set). True, most people consider physical intimacy an important part of a relationship, but it's possible to strip sex down to its core and consider pornin' just a job like any other. UPTOWN GRRL COLUMNIST JENNISPINNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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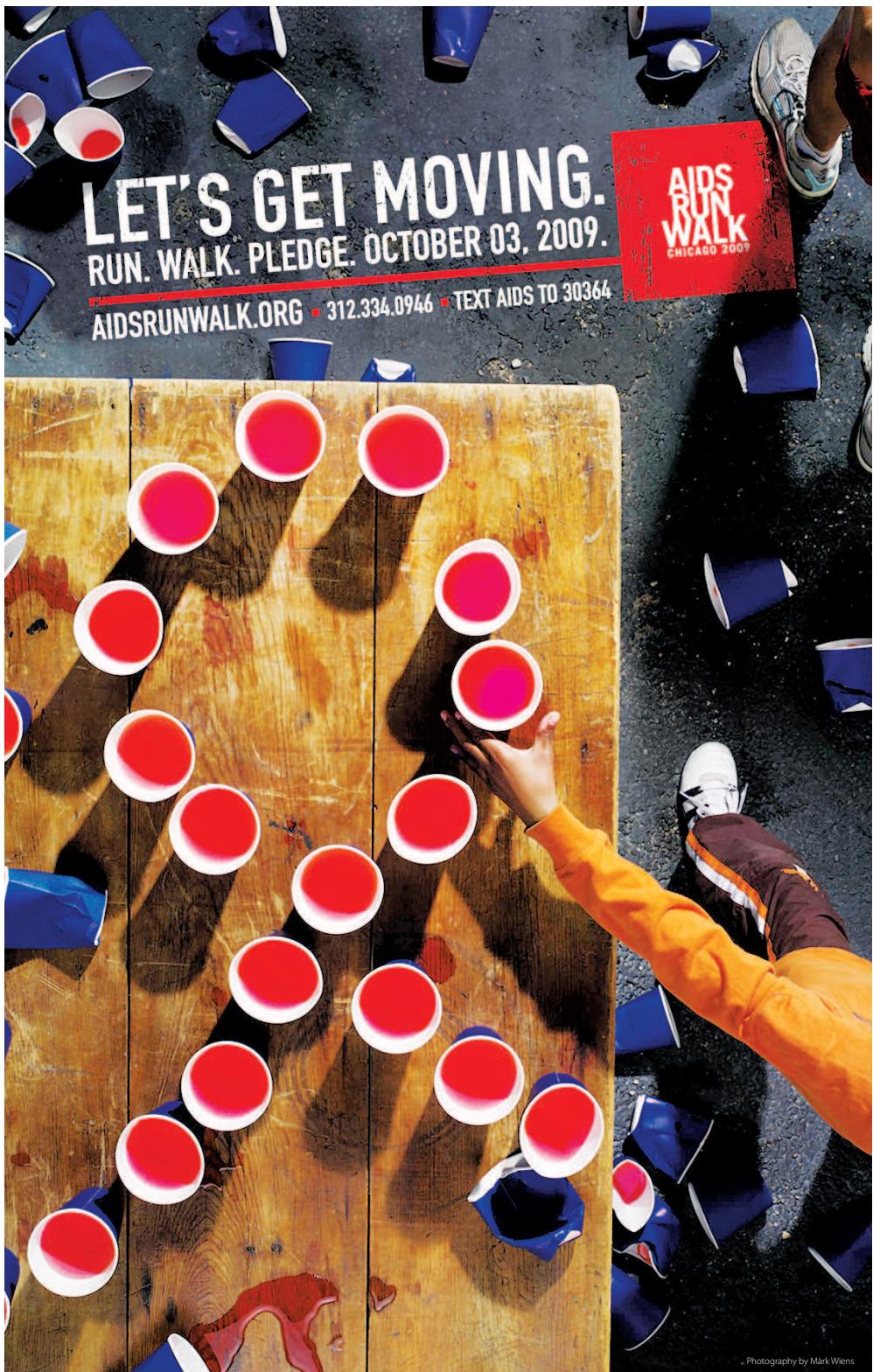
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**Larry David (left) and Evan Rachel Wood** star in Woody Allen's new film 'Whatever Works.'  
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# Larry David makes it work

By **Miki Turner**  
FOR REDEYE

Larry David doesn't channel Woody Allen in his new comedy "Whatever Works," but he totally gets the film's writer/director.

Allen, who has played some variation of himself in many of his previous films, handpicked David to play his latest doppelganger, Boris Yellnikoff, in "Whatever Works," which opens Friday.

Boris, fresh off a failed suicide attempt, hooks up with a homeless, impressionable Southern belle named Melody (Wood). For some reason, Melody is attracted to the self-proclaimed genius who is recently divorced. She eventually marries him despite strong protests from her unconventional southern mother (Patricia Clarkson).

Working for Allen was a daunting task, one David didn't "want to screw up"—particularly by trying to be Allen.

"I know that's a concern," David said during an L.A.

» **MATT PAIS GIVES 'WHATEVER WORKS'**  
2.5 STARS.  
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press tour. "People would say to me, 'Are you going to be doing him?' and I would think that they were out of their minds ... I'm going to try not to do him. It never occurred to me to want to do him, and he doesn't want me to do him."

"He didn't call me up and say, 'I want you to do me—have you ever seen me? You think you can talk like me?' No, it wasn't really an issue for me at all."

Learning lines, however, was. David, whose popular TV series "Curb Your Enthusiasm" is loosely based on his own life as a writer and producer, rarely works off a script for the HBO sitcom. "Curb" is essentially all improvised.

In "Works," David's opening monologue to the camera is almost as long as one episode of his half-hour show.

"It was hard," he said. "I opened the script and saw the first page and it was full of Boris. And then I turned to page 50 and I saw Boris ... And then I went to the last page and I went, 'Oy vey.' So, yeah, it was kind of

daunting to have to learn all that to tell you the truth."

He even found it a little difficult doing what he does best.

"As far as the improvising goes—yeah, that was another aspect that I found daunting because I am used to improvising and making it up most of it as I go along. It was challenging, and I don't really care for challenges."

Even though David made it a point to not morph into Allen onscreen, you'll see bits and pieces of David playing the character he plays on his Emmy-winning sitcom, which returns for its fifth season this fall. Like David on the series, Boris is perpetually negative, disagreeable and somewhat intolerant of people with conflicting opinions.

"We both have the same disdain for the human race," he said. "And we both come from similar roots. We were both bar mitzvahed, I'm sure."

Conversely, David thinks that he's much more "normal" than Boris.

"I like playing golf, having sex, normal things."

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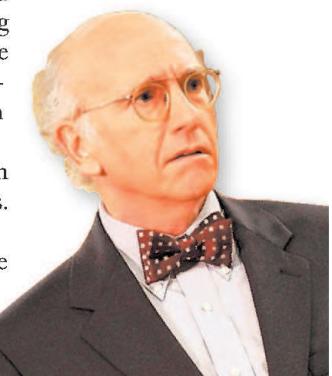
Don't look for Larry David's experience working for Woody Allen to be incorporated into the upcoming new season of his HBO comedy "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

David was pretty mum on what will happen in Season 5, but did say that after his wife, Cheryl, left him last season, Larry begins dating Loretta (Vivica A. Fox). He will move in with her relatives, the Blacks, an African-American family of New Orleans hurricane refugees who in a previous season David reluctantly agreed to let live with him.

David also said that elements of his experience at "Whatever Works" press junkets would be explored in the new season. **M.T., L.A. TIMES**

*"It actually shocks me now. I go back and I watch the show, and I hear these things coming out of Larry's mouth, and I'm like, 'Whoa! That was dirty! Larry!' Because he always seemed so kind of shy."*

—Evan Rachel Wood on the contrast between the Larry David she co-stars with in "Whatever Works" and the one she watches in "Curb Your Enthusiasm." **L.A. TIMES**



**Cheri (R)**

!!! A tart costume drama with a hole at its center, director Stephen Frears' latest does make fine use of Michelle Pfeiffer, who stars as an aging 19th Century prostitute who is so sure she has no future that she's happy to live for the moment with her rich, much younger boyfriend Cheri (Rupert Friend, who's like an improved version of Orlando Bloom).

This causes problems when an arranged marriage pushes Cheri into the arms of a young wife who interests him about as much as honest work. Though well-acted and full of deliciously nasty exchanges, "Cheri" fails to bind its central characters with a love that feels substantial. In theory, this is a movie about the blindness of privilege and its residual emotional traumas. But the erotic drama is so detached viewers will have to make a real stretch to draw any meaning from it.

Sofia Vassilieva (left), Cameron Diaz and Abigail Breslin in "My Sister's Keeper." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES****fast  
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@tribune.com**My Sister's Keeper (PG-13)**

!!! "That's my sister Kate. She's dying," says 11-year-old Anna Fitzgerald (a solid Abigail Breslin), a loving sister who, after being conceived in a lab and spending her life donating tissue to fight Kate's leukemia, refuses to hand over her kidney. As the film jumps around in time from Kate's initial diagnosis to late-stage difficulties, Anna and her attorney (a badly miscast Alec Baldwin) sue her mom (Cameron Diaz) for "medical emancipation" to ensure that she can keep her organ.

**The verdict:** Feeling little for "My Sister's Keeper" doesn't mean you're insensitive to

the plight of cancer patients and their families. It means you don't go for a movie that does little with its biggest ethical question: Is it wrong to have a child just for the sake of their bone marrow/kidney? Director/co-writer Nick Cassavetes uses jumbled chronology to distance the film from the daily grind of a terminal disease and leans hard on pushy music that hits bottom with a laughably moody cover of "Girls Just Want to Have Fun." The absurd courtroom scenes nearly ruin the movie, which hits some authentic emotional notes, but mostly tries so hard to check in with everybody that it doesn't get close enough to anyone.

**Whatever Works (PG-13)**

!!! Is there any actor who better embodies Woody Allen's kvetching neuroses than Larry David? The "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star fits right into "Whatever Works," Allen's latest excuse to pair an older man with a younger woman (Evan Rachel Wood). (Note: Allen actually wrote the script in the '70s.) David is hilarious as Boris, an old grouch so insecure that he hides behind his own perceived genius, championing his intelligence to remain isolated while considering everyone else, including his wife (Wood), beneath him. The movie's full of contrivances, though, and plummets into absurdity until its final, embarrassing closing summary. Boris' constant rants hit the mark, but in his next comedy, Allen needs to refine more than just his rage.

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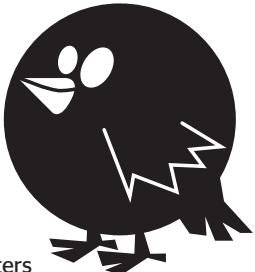
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Galifianakis of 'The Hangover'

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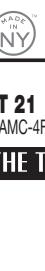
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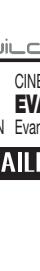
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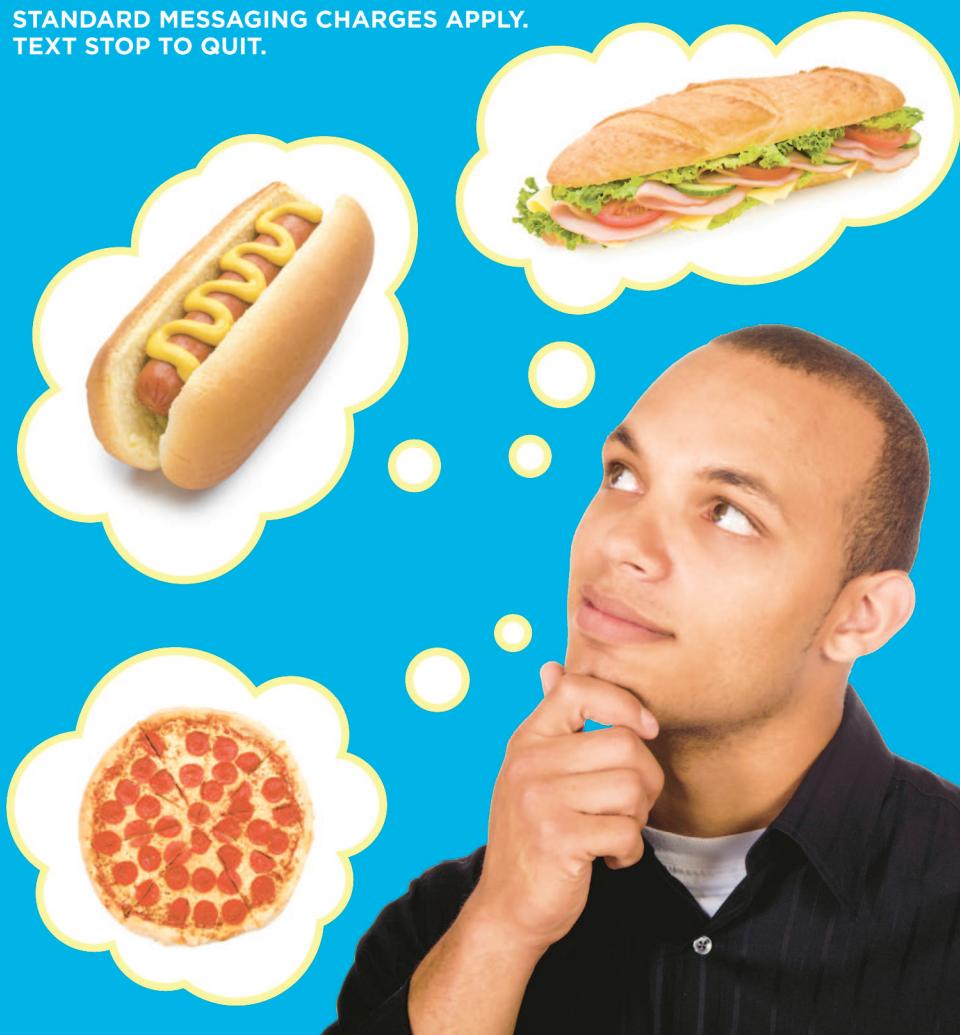
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# Diaz gets serious—for now

Cameron Diaz may be best known for her comedic roles, but that didn't stop director Nick Cassavetes from casting her in "My Sister's Keeper," a movie that requires even more Kleenex than his last hit tear-jerker, 2004's "The Notebook."

The film, based on the Jodi Picoult best seller, tells the story of a family coping with the elder daughter's debilitating cancer. As part of the mother's plan to save the girl, a younger daughter had been conceived to provide bone marrow for the dying teen. Eventually, the younger girl (Abigail Breslin) sues her parents to stop making her undergo the many medical procedures.

"I guarantee you that everyone who read this script saw it as a TV movie, a cushy, sappy tear-jerker," said Diaz, who plays the mother. "But when you say Nick Cassavetes is directing, it changes everything."

Viewers may be surprised to see Diaz playing a former corporate killer turned rabid maternal angel who will do anything to prevent her daughter's death, especially if you consider some of her past roles.

L.A. TIMES, REDEYE



**There's Something About Mary**  
Her use of hair gel in this 1998 comedy with Ben Stiller made her one of Hollywood's most sought-after comic actresses.

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# Pfeiffer's perfect role

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The heroine of the new film "Cheri" seems tailor-made for Michelle Pfeiffer, one of the screen's leading sex symbols of the '80s and '90s.

Lea de Lonval, an aging courtesan in the adaptation of the Colette novel, is the ideal role for Pfeiffer, a famed film beauty now "of a certain age." It's a take-stock sort of role. Partly because it's a film "about aging and double-standards," Pfeiffer said. She's experiencing a bit of that in the midst of what she doesn't like to call her "comeback," a return to films that began with "Hairspray" and "Stardust" in the summer of 2007.

As she turned 50 (she's 51 now), she found that while there might be roles out there for her, her name above the title didn't guarantee a film's success, something Hollywood figured out quickly. "Hairspray" was a hit, "Stardust" wasn't. "I Could Never Be Your Woman" barely got released, nor did this year's "Personal Effects."

"Courtesan [prostitute] or actress, you're making your living off your appeal to others," she said. That's an awkward thing to have to acknowledge, however delicately, in one's 50s.

"In terms of your physicality and your physi-

cal appearance and your sort of window of opportunity in your profession, how important a part it plays in that, there certainly is a parallel there," Pfeiffer said.

"Certainly in Lea's profession, her beauty is a tool of her trade, as it is for an actress. I think that looks, whether you're beautiful or not, is one of the tools of our trade in terms of the kinds of parts that we can play, the versatility we can display, the diversity of roles we're offered; it really does go back to looks. Just like a courtesan."

Pfeiffer is being praised for her "strong performance" (London's Sunday Times) in "Cheri," and for looking "more stunning than ever, and her mesmerizing characterization combines comedic charm, tragic depth and that never-to-be-underrated ingredient, sex appeal" (Chris Tooke, The Daily Mail).

"I suppose I could have gotten scared at this, but I sort of leap before I look. And I like a challenge," she said. "Most of the time, I base my decisions on emotions, my gut."

"It isn't until I actually get in there and realize what it actually entails and what it takes out of me and the places I have to go that I get scared."



Michelle Pfeiffer stars as  
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"I don't have any reluctance to show a LITTLE skin. But I'm NOT anxious to get back a corset again. For a LONG time."

—Michelle Pfeiffer, saying it wasn't her near-nude moments in "Cheri" that made her doubt taking the role.

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- **Up** (PG) 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 12:00, 3:20, 6:10, 9:10
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# Jive-talking Transformers raise race issues

## Associated Press

Harmless comic characters or racist robots?

The buzz over the summer blockbuster "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" only grew this week as some audience members said two jive-talking Chevy characters were racial caricatures.

Skids and Mudflap, twin robots disguised as compact hatchbacks, constantly brawl and bicker in rap-inspired street slang. They're forced to acknowledge that they can't read. One has a gold tooth.

As good guys, they fight alongside the Autobots and are intended to provide comic relief. But their traits raise the specter of stereotypes most notably seen when Jar Jar Binks, the clumsy, broken-English speaking alien from "Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace," was criticized as a caricature.

One fan called the Transformers twins "Jar Jar Bots" in a blog post online. Todd Herrold, who watched the movie in New York City, called the characters "outrageous."

"It's one thing when robot cars are racial stereotypes," he said, "but the movie also had a bucktoothed black guy who is briefly in one scene who's also a stereotype."

"They're like the fools," said 18-year-old Nicholas Govede, also of New York City. "The comic relief in a degrading way."

Not all fans were offended. In Atlanta, Rico Lawson said people were reading too much into the characters. "It was actually funny," Lawson, 25, said.

That was the aim, director Michael Bay said in an interview.

"It's done in fun," he said. "I don't know if it's stereotypes—they are robots, by the way. These are the voice actors. This is kind of the direction they were taking the characters, and we went with it."

Bay said the twins' parts "were kind of written but not really written, so the voice actors is when we started to really kind of come up with their characters."

Actor Reno Wilson, who is black, voices Mudflap. Tom Kenny, the white actor behind SpongeBob SquarePants, voices Skids.

Wilson, 40, said Wednesday that he never imagined viewers might consider the twins to be racial caricatures. When he took the role, he was told that the alien robots learned about human culture through the Web and that the twins were "wannabe gangster types."

Twin robots Skids (left) and Mudflap from "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" **PARAMOUNT PICTURES**



came out," Wilson said, adding that it's not fair to assume the characters are black.

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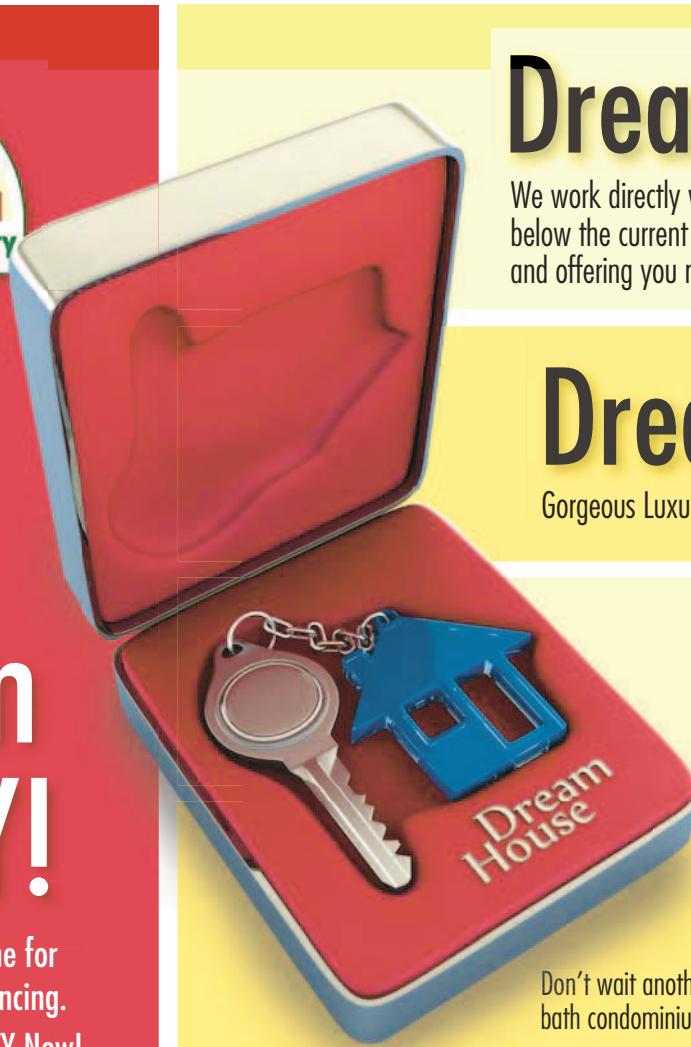
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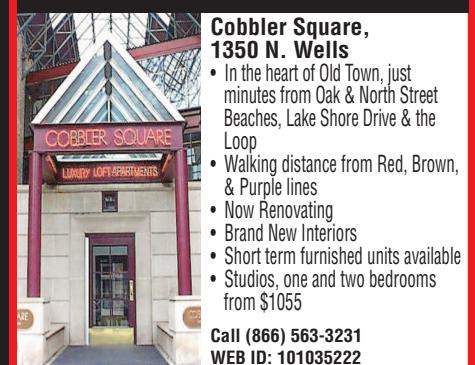


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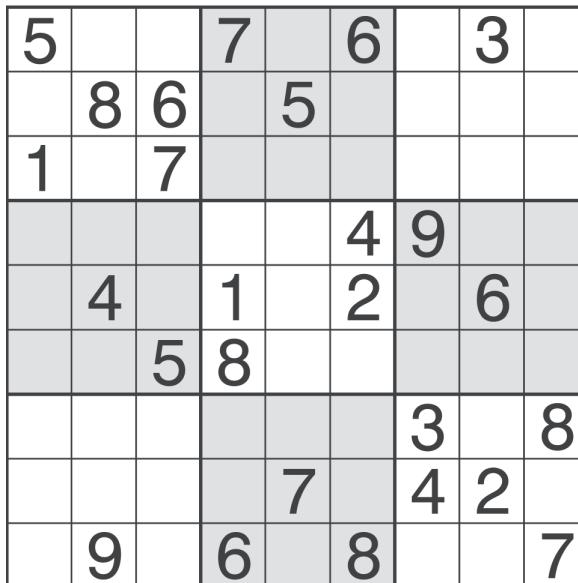
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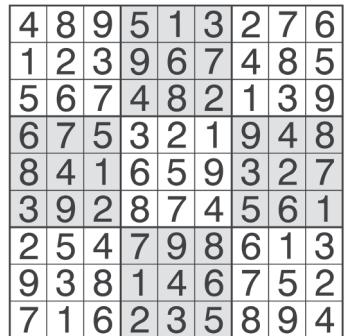
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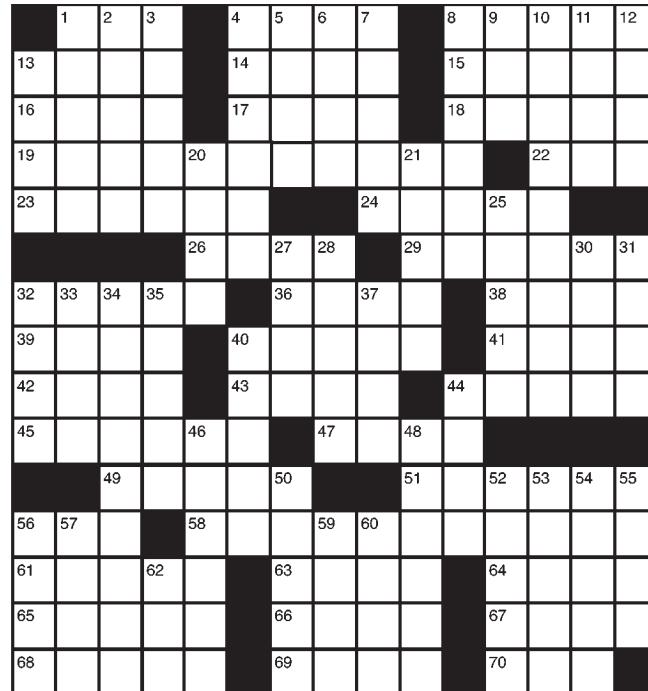
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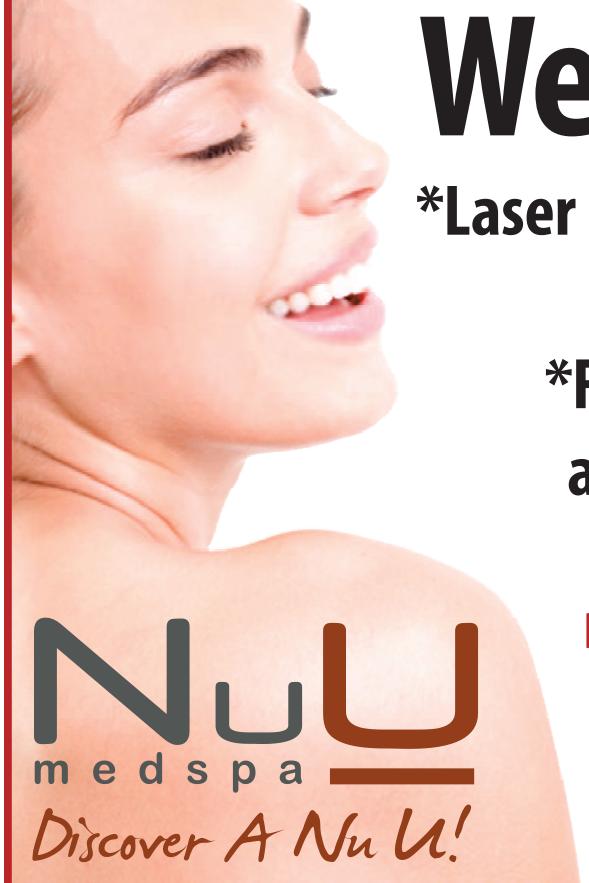
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Depp and Burton  
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# Power couple

Who says relationships in Hollywood can't last? Depp, Burton know how to make it work

By Dorothy Hernandez

REDEYE

The latest Depp-Burton production, "Alice in Wonderland," won't be in theaters until next year, but the two already have their next project in the works. At the L.A. premiere of "Public Enemies," Johnny Depp confirmed that he'll star in a film version of the cult 1960's show "Dark Shadows," directed by none other than BFF Tim Burton, according to [ew.com](http://ew.com).

Rumors of the project have circulated ever since Depp, who says he was a big fan as a kid of the gothic soap opera, acquired the rights to the series in 2007. This marks the first time that Depp has publicly said

that Burton will direct.

"Dark Shadows" with Tim will also be down the line," Depp told EW this week in L.A. "Tim has to finish [Alice in] Wonderland before he can start work on the next film. ... I will be thrilled to work with him again on 'Dark Shadows.' I was a big fan of it when I was a kid and I think it is another of those perfect projects for Tim to reimagine."

With this latest film in the works, this will mark the eighth time the two have worked together. What makes this power couple (Johnny? Bur-depp? Whatever) so successful? RedEye just got the highly unscientific results from the lab.

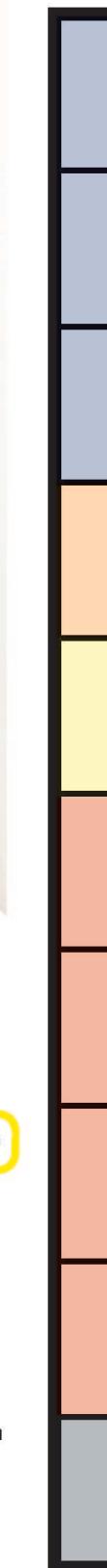
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## Rock star

Johnny Depp not only bases a lot of his portrayals on rock stars, but he's also a musician. For which band did he play lead slide guitar on one of the songs on their album? Text "depp" and the number of your answer to **87708**. You'll get a text back with the right answer.

1. Oasis	3. Rolling Stones
2. Blur	4. U2

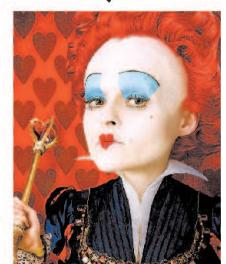
## The Depp stick



**30%**  
reimagining of fantasy source material (See: "Alice in Wonderland," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory")



**10%**  
Helena Bonham Carter



**10%**  
amazing costumes



**40%**  
freakishly eccentric outcast as lead character (See: Edward Scissorhands, Ed Wood, Sweeney Todd)



**10%**  
goth



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## They're so money

Female artists dominate this year's Top-Earning Musicians list from Forbes with Madonna at the top of the heap. The Material Girl set records with her sold-out Sticky & Sweet tour, making roughly \$110 million to top the list of profits earned from June 2008 to June 2009. Here's a look at the rest of the Top 5.

**1** **\$110 MILLION**

**2** **\$100 MILLION**

**3** **\$87 MILLION**

**4** **\$70 MILLION**

**5** **\$65 MILLION**



**\$60.6 million**

Amount "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" pulled in nationally on its opening Wednesday, the second-best debut ever behind "The Dark Knight," which made \$67.2 million on its opening night.



Madonna  
MCT FILE

### THE VELVET ROPE

#### Ratings roller coaster

The late-night battle goes on and Letterman is back on top: For the week ending Friday, David Letterman drew an average of 3.5 million total viewers, compared with 3.3 million for Conan O'Brien, according to data from Nielsen Media Research. It was the first time Letterman has pulled a larger audience for a full-week average since 2005.



#### Cougar bait?

Daniel Radcliffe is soooo over the teen thing. In an interview with Parade magazine, the "Harry Potter" star says he prefers to date the older ladies. "Girls my own age are not

really an option," says the 19-year-old actor. "I find, generally speaking, they have to be entertained more than older girls do. So most of the girls I have had serious things with are generally sort of in their 20s."

#### Fall ahead

Save the date, couch surfers. NBC has released its fall TV schedule, kicking off its season with "The Jay Leno Show" on Sept. 14, followed by the network's night of comedy Sept. 17, with "Saturday Night Live Weekend Update" and new series "Community" joining "Parks and Recreation" and "The Office." Last but not least, "30 Rock" returns, but not until Oct. 15.

#### Yes he can?

Some in the Big Easy are campaigning for star power in City Hall—Brad Pitt. While it's hardly a movement—at least not yet—it all started with a professor who posted a list of 13 Reasons Brad Pitt Should be the Next Mayor of New Orleans, according to [nola.com](http://nola.com). That spurred a local entrepreneur to print "Brad Pitt for Mayor" shirts. And now everyone's talking about it—well, except for Pitt himself. Pitt first set up camp in New Orleans while filming "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," and donated money to rebuild housing after Hurricane Katrina.



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